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# Piety Promoted IN A COLLECTION OF Dying Sayings

Of many of the  
People called **Quakers**

WITH  
A Brief Account of some of their  
Labours in the GOSPEL,  
Sufferings & the same.

## The Fourth PART.

By John Field.

Let the Saints be joyful in Glory : Let them  
Sing aloud upon their Beds. Psal. 149. 5.  
—Blessed are the dead which die in the  
Lord, from henceforth : Yea, saith the Spirit,  
that they may rest from their Labours,  
and their Works do follow them. Rev. 14. 13.

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MISCELLANEOUS PAPERS  
BY JAMES BOOTH, ESQ.  
**PREFACE**  
TO THE  
**READER.**

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*By another Hand.*

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Friendly Reader,

**G**ive ear to that Advice which was given the Lawgiver in Deut. 29. in the Words of Song, wherein he broke out saying, Oh! that ye were wise, that they would heed this, that they would

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consider their latter end, &c. Herein is expressed his Care for the Good of that People, but how little many regard it, is very apparent, by their Forgetfulness of the Lord, who had done Marvelously for them; for how did they provoke the Lord to Anger, after divers Mansions (as is recorded of them) come by a *Vicious Course* of life, thereby neglecting both their present Good, and future Happiness; which might well occasion the Prophet Amos to say, Amos 4. 12. Prepare to meet thy God, O Israel! Here is an Agreement, and Holy

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Highway of his  
Mind is a matter of small  
importance. A Cloud of the  
like minded might be pro-  
duced on this occasion (which  
for Brevities sake is here ad-  
mitted) to shew the Care of  
the Religious on this Account,  
and also the Negligence of  
the Irreligious; though they  
wanted not a Profession, but  
for want of fearing the Law  
and serving of him, although  
they had the Law dispensed  
to them by the Disposition  
Angels; nevertheless they  
were Disobedient and rebellious  
against the Lord, and cast his  
Law behind their Backs; and

the *Heavenly* Glory, & is  
entitled the blessed Martyr Sanc-  
tum, whom they stoned to  
death, tho' they were not  
able to resist the *Wisdom* and  
*Truth* by which he spake :  
Wherefore let none profes-  
sing Christianity follow their  
Example ; but by these fore-  
going Instances, beware and  
turn to mind the Grace of  
Lord Jesus Christ, that so  
you may chuse the things  
that belong to their Peace, be-  
cause they are bid from their  
Master.

The Promotion of Piety,  
was intended by the Compiler  
of the Three former Volumes  
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of the world; which latter  
with such General Indi-  
gence, that many have des-  
erted the Continuation of so  
good a Work, which doth in  
indulgent Conscience (through  
(the Abogate Spirit of God) to  
awaken People to a Prepa-  
ration for Death, a Work in-  
deed (for Men) necessary for  
this Children of Men to ob-  
serve, and be concerned  
about; that none ought  
neglect it; for Death in-  
certainly will overtake us  
*Flesh*; but when, where, or  
how, is generally hid from  
Men, it's a Secret that the  
Almighty has kept from  
them.

13. Next cometh in the first place  
to you all to be in Recitation  
against the Coming of our  
Lord. And there manifest that  
will to heartily confess subho  
lly your sinnes ought to be shew  
nay to shew it's (neglectedly)  
confess to which I intend  
that is to say the clearest  
way to From God, and keep  
Commandments; third that's  
Conclusion of this whole  
Matter; without which good  
work, Worshipp and Confession  
is the very Truith, profiteth  
nothing. Wherefore let God  
therefore be thy clearest Concern  
that thou thereby mayest  
have the Profit of this Instru  
ment.

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and of that which is to come,  
*Life Everlasting.*

Oh ! prize the Season of  
the Love of God unto thee,  
in affording thee *Heavenly  
Light*, by which thou mayst  
see his Way, and how to  
walk therein in well-pleasure  
to him, who calls to thee  
a Word behind thee, saying  
*This is the Way, walk in it.*

Reader, take heed to this  
Teacher, which is come now  
unto thy Soul, that thou  
mayst be guided into a  
Truth, by the Lord Jesus  
Christ manifested in the Spiri-  
t; let him be thy Coun-  
sellor, and if Sinners ex-  
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rice thee, comfort thou me, for  
blessed is the Man who walk-  
eth not in the Counsel of the  
Ungodly, &c. D. No. 10. Vol. 1. Ed. 2.

Awake, Oh! Daughter of Zion, and wait for the coming  
of the Bridegroom; Thou hast  
Lamp, take Oil in thy Vessel  
that thou may'st enter in  
to him: Be wise betimes,  
Wisdom saith, I love them  
that love me, and they that  
sought me early shall find me:  
Again, it's advised to  
Wisdom, and with all thy  
serving, get Understanding;  
the first is got by fearing the  
Lord, the second by depart-  
ing from Evil.

The

The Exhortation of OH  
wise Remember thy Creator  
in the Days of thy Youth, while  
the Evil Days come not, when  
thou shalt say, I have no plea-  
sure in them ; in the day when  
the Keepers of the House, shall  
Tremble, and the strong Men  
shall bow themselves.

Prepare for such a Day  
for what knowest thou  
but it may be near to  
door. Wherefore spend  
thy Time in Vanity or  
sive Care, saying, What shal-  
eat ? Or, What shall I drin-  
Or, Wherewithal shall I  
cloathed ? but first seek the  
Kingdom of God, and his Right-  
eousness,

Honest, hold up thy things  
Thou art willed; For your bene-  
ficial Father (said our blessed  
Master) knoweth what you have  
in these things. And  
Psalmit said, I have been  
young, and now I am Old;  
have I not seen the Right-  
eous forsaken, nor his Seed beg-  
-Bread! By all which  
things appear, that the Al-  
mighty, who feedeth the  
birds, provideth a neces-  
-sary supply for his Children,  
and little with the blessing.  
The Lord is sufficient; al-  
though with some a great deal  
is not served; for (for  
want of moderate Care) some  
like

Like as the Prodigal left his Father, and  
told him he had spent all his Money in  
Sloth, which comes to what  
the wise Man said, He that  
is slothful in Business, is  
better to him that is a great  
Waster: Wherefore let  
Moderation appear in  
things; neither be thou  
thoughtful to get, nor  
less in spending.

Live not unto thy self,  
unto him who died for  
and rose again, who was  
great Painter of selfe-dam  
and taught, that if any man  
would come after him, he  
deny himself, and take up  
daily Cross: Which, when  
proves

womenes hard to some, as it  
is said to the Young Man, Mat.  
19. 22. who went away sor-  
rowful, and would no more  
sell all that he had, tho' for  
gaining *Eternal Life*, no  
one will many now forsake  
all, and do Good, that they  
dwell for evermore.  
What Argument shall be  
, to perswade Men to  
after *Peace with God*,  
*Acceptance with him?*  
chose with Mary the  
Part; which may be  
joined unto by true Hu-  
ly, and the Fear of the  
as was evidenced by  
Penitence and true Con-  
trition,

trition,) which is commonly  
regarded by some, especially  
of the Youth; who rather are  
pleasing themselves with the  
*Gaiety* and other *Vanities* of  
*this World*, spending much of  
their precious Time in ad-  
ing themselves after the fash-  
*Modes*, and even Fas-  
thereof, which puffeth away

How many spend their  
Days thus, and in a Moment  
go down to the Grave,  
their Candle is put out:  
little is *Eternity* thought of,  
that when Death comes,  
is the greater Surprize.  
such, who are ready to say,  
*Woe unto us, for we*

From henceforth, till the Shadows of  
the Evening are stretched out: Then a  
few days more I have to recover Strength,  
or make their Peace with God, would  
be greatly Acceptable to such whose  
Grief is near this, who are travelling  
through the Valley of the Shadow of  
Death, and the Glory of this World is  
past, and the Beauty of it is fled away: What  
then can the Soul in such distress give (if it  
can) to be purchas'd for an Inheritance  
in the Kingdom of Heaven.

What might be said on this Subject,  
of Reminding the Living to prepare to  
die, I know not; but a Volume might be writ  
upon that Purpose, without medling with the  
Matters of the Deceased, but the Words  
of Warning may make a deeper Impres-  
sion than what is here written.

Therefore recommend thee, serious  
Reader, to the Perusal of what  
followeth, and to the Grace of God,  
by which it may be made Advan-  
tageous to thy Everlasting well-  
being; when Time here shall be no  
more. C. 1715. 100. 100. 100.

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# INTRODUCTION.

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Parliament for the Year 1700. The following  
Collection, made by  
Piety, and wrote all the Time  
they Righteous, look  
in their Design, and the  
the Work wherein a few  
Candid Friends, have  
done important Services  
Foundation of their Country  
Also to them they are free  
only believe in God, and the Lord  
Constituted Son, that comes from him  
who requires that Power through which  
they are enabled to do Righteousness, and  
by him only are made Righteous, it's fact  
that Promote Piety,  
and the good of the Country  
which is the best way to

## The Introduction.

The Knowledge only of what is right and good, the Profession thereof, or being Educated in the Doctrines of the Christian Religion, will not Intitle any to Eternal Happiness, if the doing Part be wanting; for Piety is not Promoted by a mere Nation and Profession, or saying Prayers, hearing Sermons, or Declarations, but by a holy Life, and a right ordered Conversation; nor Salvation to any of the professors of Christianity, from Sins whilst here, nor from Eternal Punishment, by any other way than a true and Obedient service unto Christ; for he commands us to Love God, and work Righteousness, and such as here, will find Acceptance with God, and enjoy his Favour. And they continue Faithful therein unto death, shall have the Crown of Life, either Young or Old; for as they Fear their Lord, he teaches them, and by learning of him, come to be Established in Righteousness, and knew their Peace to be great whilst here, and do Inherit Glory in God's Kingdom hereafter. But if any pretend to Love Christ, and continue doing Evil, such keep not his Commands,

maids, abide not in his *DEMYSTERY*, nor  
Love him; for by their Evil Deeds they  
declare they hate the Light; and all living  
in Iniquity are found in that which  
is hateful in God's Sight; from all which,  
he in great Love sent his Son to Redeem  
Mankind.

It's therefore by me tenderly desired,  
for the Promotion of Piety, that all may  
think of God, and seriously consider their  
latter End, Love, Reverses, and Learns  
of the Light, Grace, and Spirit of God,  
which is in them, and shew what's Evil,  
and reproves them, when they think, speak,  
or do amiss; for this Spirit will give up  
to all who join with it, a Good Under-  
standing, ~~and~~ of them to prize and improve  
their present Time, and strengthen us  
to every Good Word and Work, and  
preserve them, whether Young or Old,  
in that Fear towards God, which Abram  
had; that was God's Friend, whom  
when God had tried, he said, Now I  
know thou fearest me.

Oh! how Excellent is the Fear of God;  
so Generally and Worthily commended;  
tho' by many too little minded, and Distracted;

in which is the Cause Piety is no more  
Promised. And that is may by all that  
pray and desire to be God's People and  
Children, let them learn and know in that  
Holy Law, which Moses wrote of, Deu.  
4. 10. saying, That the People should  
learn to Fear God all the Days that  
they should live upon the Earth; for  
all those that do not Fear God, (but  
love and live in Sin) the Lord of Host,  
saith he, will be a Swift Witness against  
them. But if Mankind Fear him as  
they ought, and shink upon his Name,  
the Lord of Host hath said, They shall  
Rejoice.

Are not therefore the Love of the  
World, or the Things of it, or the fading  
Vanities, Sinful Pleasures, or Evil Lusts  
that are therein, either of the Eye, the  
Hand, or Pride of Life, be followed by  
that would Promote Piety, and die  
Happily, and live Eternally.

¶ Note, i. I esteem myself obliged  
in the following Account, to give hints of  
some of the Labours, Services, and Suf-  
ferings of the deceased, the better to lead

## CHAPTER II.

to the Animations of some particular Expressions, and to stand for the Veritas and Excellency of that Faith they had in Christ, who suffered and died for them, and that it was not only given to them to believe, but also to suffer for his Name's sake.

2. To exhort all that have not received Christ, the true Light, to receive, believe in, Love and obey him faithfully unto Death.

3. As a Memorial of the Deceased, and for the sake of the Living, that they, by the Dying Sayings of the Deceased, may be stirred up, as aforesaid, to remember and prepare for their latter End, and to make a blessed Conclusion here, and then to be favoured with the like Assurance in their last Moments, as the Deceased mentioned in the following Accounts have to the Comfort of their Souls, and Satisfaction of their near and dear Relations and Friends, who were the more confirmed in the Belief of what they said, being then about to Launch into Eternity, at which time every awakened Conscience dares not Dissemble, that desire to be happy hereafter.

THE SAVIOUR'S LIFE

If Reading the following Transcription, written for these Ends, be in any wise Instrumental to the Good of the Living, to excite them to prepare for their latter End, as I pray God it may, my Design will be answered, and the Great God, through Jesus Christ shall have the Praise, for he is worthy for ever, saith my Soul.

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# Piety Promoted,

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**J**ohn Whiting of Naylsey in the County of Somerset, Yeoman, in the Year, 1654, when John Andland and John Cam, two Eminent Ministers among the People called *Quakers*, were first sent from the North of England, to Bristol, and the adjacent Counties, freely to Preach the Gospel of the Grace of God, and to turn People from Darkness to Light, and from the Power of Satan unto God. Then the said John Whiting was Convinced of the blessed Truth, and received it in the Love thereof, as it was professed by those call'd *Quakers*; and

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also received the Ministers of it into his House, as he had the Truth they declared into his Heart; And had Meetings held at his House, for to wait upon God, and worship him in the Spirit of his dear Son; and for his Ministers freely to Preach the Gospel of Peace and Salvation, as they were sent and required by him.

And although the Truth, and those that received it were greatly despised in those early Days; yet this Disciple of Christ, being made Partaker of the like Precious Faith that was once delivered to the Saints, was zealous for the Truth, it being given to him not only to believe, but also to suffer for the sake of Christ, amongst the first of those People (to whom he was joined) in that County, and remained Faithful unto Death.

In the time of his Sickness, and near his End, in a Sense of the Love of God, and in Love to his Wife with a desire that she, who was then

Young

Young in the Truth, which he had received, professed, and had suffer'd for, and found Peace and Comfort in. He exhorted her, saying, ' As thou hast believed in the Light, so walk in it; which shewed as he loved Christ the true Light, he desired she might walk therein. And truly there are none but those that do Evil, who hate the Light; neither can such be saved, until they come to believe and walk in the Light, as all the Nations of them that are saved do, and it's not doubted but this our Friend did, and died in the Faith of Christ, and in Peace with God through him.

He died the 9th of the 4th Month, 1658. Aged about 27 Years, having been Convinced 4 Years.

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ANNE Dewsbury, Wife of William Dewsbury, then of Wakefield in Yorkshire, an Hand-maid of the Lord, in the beginning of the 7th Month, 1659. had a Revelation (or Dream) from the Lord, that her outward Man was nigh to be finished, and tho' she might be exercised with much Weakness; yet in the midst thereof the Lord would strengthen her with his Presence, and in him she should overcome the last Enemy which is Death: And having assurance of what was revealed, tho' at that time she was in good Health, she made ready what might be serviceable when her Change came, and about the 29th of the said 7th Month, some Weakness came upon her, which increased so much, that she was many times, to the outward appearance near laying down of the Body; yet the Lord preserved her in much Patience

tience, and fresh in his Love.— Her Husband being gone to the farthest Part of *Scotland* in the Service of Truth, and to publish the Day of the Lord, and Preach the Gospel of Christ, was moved of the Lord, the 9th of the 8th Month to return to her, and on the 28th of the 8th Month, 1659. he was brought to her with Joy in the Lord ; after which she was weaker in her outward Man, but the Lord gave her Strength by his living Presence to wait till her Change came, which drew near, and being exercised in her Affliction, which lay heavy upon her, she called to her Husband, with certain Friends, saying, *Pray to the Lord that he may ease his afflicted Hand-maid.* And the Lord moved them to call upon him, and immediately he took away the heavy Affliction. Then she magnified the Lord, saying, *Blessed be his Name, he hath heard our Prayers, and caused his Handmaid to rejoice.* Then she embraced her Husband in her Armes, saying, *Thou art my dear Husband,*

thou art my dear Husband, thou art clear before the Lord, and hast discharged thy Duty, and answered thy Place, like an Honest Man to thy Wife, thou art blessed of the Lord, large is thy Reward. Then she expressed these Words, saying, Dear Husband, I am clear before the Lord thy God, I have no Guilt upon my Spirit, in the Covenant of Light and Life, sealed with the Blood of Jesus, I am at Eternal Peace with him.

Then she exhorted the Friends present, saying, Oh! Friends, get into the Covenant of Light and Life, get into the Covenant, be faithful to the Voice that cries, This is the Way, walk in it. Then her Strength was much gone, yet prayed to God a season of time longer, and breathing to the Lord till much spent, some that stood by her, seeing her Lips and Mouth move, but did not understand what her Words were, asked if she spake to them and what she wanted, she answer'd, I spake not to you, neither do I want any thing of you. Some time after she called for her Husband, who was near,

near, and presently spake to her, saying, *Dear Wife what wouldst thou wish me,* she answered, *I would have thee be with me and see me dye.* He sate down by her, then imbracing her Husband in her Arms, and with breathings to the Lord, laid down her Body with Joy in Peace, with him.

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**A** nthony Patrickson, formerly of Stockhow, in the Parish of Lamplugh in Cumberland, Receiv'd Truth in those Parts of the Country, with the first, and was made by the Lord a Minister of the Everlasting Gospel, and travelled in several Places of the Nation of England, and through Scotland, Ireland, and the Isle of Man, and was diligent in attending Meetings, and Admonishing and Instructing the Weak, and remained steadfast to the End. He was of a Lamb-like

like Spirit, Meek, Gentle, not easily provoked, ready to do Good, and walked honestly, was of Godly Conversation, and preached therein to those that were Enemies to the Gospel; so that they would confess, If all the Quakers were like him, surely they were a good People. When taken Sick, he saw he must depart this Life, and immediately the incomes of the Love of God did break in upon his Spirit, with sweet Comfort and Consolation, and he said, *The Lord hath given me an Assurance of that blessed Inheritance that never will have end.*

Thus did this Faithful Witness finish his Testimony, and end his Race of this mortal Life, the latter end of the 6th Month, 1660.

**M**ARY Page, Wife to William Page of Wellingbrough in the County of Northampton, a true and faithful Handmaid of the Lord, was taken

taken Sick at Warwick-Prison, where she had been a Prisoner, during the space of Eleven Months and upwards, for the Testimony of the Name of the Lord, which faithful Testimony she sealed with her Blood, to the Joy of all that beheld her Innocent Passage in the Power of the Eternal God. This Handmaid of the Lord, was enlarged through the Pourings forth of the Spirit of the Lord, and upon her Death-bed, in great Power exhorted all to be Faithful and abide in the Covenant of Light, and be truly Obedient in the meek, lowly, humble, and self-denying Spirit of our Lord Jesus, that in the pure Love and Righteousness of God, all the dear Babes and Children of our Father might live in pure Union with the Lord, and one with another, to bear a bold and faithful Testimony for the Lord, whatever became of the Body, it would (she told them) be well every way, both to the inward and Outward Man, and to the Praise and Glory of the Lord for ever. And many times when she ended her Exhortation, she pour-

ed forth her Spirit in Supplication to the Lord with great fervency, and what follows is noted. ‘ Oh ! Thou powerful God, who art the Searcher of all Hearts, behold thy Handmaid ; and if there be any thing that is not upright before thee in the Heart of thy Handmaid, make it known to me, thou Searcher of Hearts ; for thou knowest I delight to stand approved in thy Sight in all thy Ways ; for thou art my dear Father, and hast not fail’d thy Handmaid in whatever thou hast called me to unto this Day ; but thy Presence hath attended me, and comforted me through every Trial and Besetment, that the Enemy of my Soul hath compassed me about withal. Oh blessed God ! How hast thou kept and preserved me to thy self, and through the Power of the Lord Jesus Christ made me to trample upon the Enemy of my Soul’s Peace : Therefore in the Name and Power of the Lord Jesus Christ, doth my Soul praise thee, O my

O my God, for my Preservation in  
 the Power and Authority of thy Spi-  
 rit, to bear my Faithful Testimony  
 for thee my God, all my Days un-  
 til I have finished my Course in thy  
 Will. Oh! Lord my Strength and  
 Life for ever and ever. And dear  
 Father, look upon thy poor opres-  
 sed Ones, that have no Life but in  
 thee: Oh ! how do they cry in a  
 Sense of their Misery : Lord help  
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 their Necessities, and their Wants  
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 eousness without thee is as filthy  
 Rags: Therefore do they cry unto  
 thee, nothing will satisfie them but  
 thy Presence. Oh Powerful Father !  
 Raise up thy own begotten in the  
 Power and Authority of the Lord  
 Jesus Christ, to Reign over all its  
 besetments, that the Mourner may  
 rejoice, and the bowed down Head  
 may be lifted up, and every Hung-  
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 the Bread and Water of Life, which  
 thou freely handest forth by the  
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‘ Hand of our Mediator Christ Jesus  
‘ our Lord, not for any thing that  
‘ we have done, or do, but for thy  
‘ own Name sake, that all Flesh and  
‘ Boasting may be laid in the Dust,  
‘ and all Crowns cast down before  
‘ thee, that thou alone may have all  
‘ the Glory, whose right it is over  
‘ all, saith my Soul, for ever and  
‘ ever. And yet notwithstanding  
‘ that all we have or receive is in thy  
‘ free Mercy in Christ Jesus, yet  
‘ this giveth not any Liberty to Sin.  
‘ Oh ! Lord thou knowest, but ra-  
‘ ther ingageth us that are born again  
‘ to abhor our selves, and to stand up  
‘ on our Watch diligently, that the  
‘ Enemy may not enter with any o-  
‘ his Wiles, to cause us to abuse the  
‘ Grace and free Mercies, which thou  
‘ hast so freely manifested to us, in the  
‘ Name of the Lord Jesus, when we  
‘ had not any Power to help ou-  
‘ selves : Therefore doth my Soul  
‘ with the Souls of thy dear and faith-  
‘ ful Children, cry unto thee to keep  
‘ us Pure in thy Holy Power, the

in Meekness and true Sincerity of  
Heart, we may wait upon thee, and  
be Obedient in whatever thou calls  
us unto, even to the Loss of Hus-  
band, or Wife, or Children, or  
what ever else thou requirest, if it  
be to the laying down of the out-  
ward Man, for thy Glorious Truth,  
it will be well every way with all  
that have not any Comfort or Help  
but in thee, thou Ever-living God,  
to whom be all Glory and Honour  
for ever. And Holy Glorious Fa-  
ther of Life, bless and preserve all  
the People that make mention of  
thy Holy and Eternal Truth, here,  
and here-away, and all my Fellow-  
Prisoners, with all thy Suffering-  
Members every where, and my dear  
Husband and Children, God bless  
and preserve them, and take Care  
of them: Oh ! my God, do well for  
them every way, in keeping them  
Faithful, with my own Soul, unto  
the end of our Days, whether they  
be few or many, thy Will be done.  
Oh ! thou Holy Eternal God, keep  
thy

thy Dear Children from whence I  
 came, Oh! Lord thou knows how  
 dear they are to me; but I commit  
 them wholly to thy Care, Oh! my  
 God; whom I know certainly will  
 never fail them that are of an up-  
 right Heart, and cannot be satisfied  
 but with thy Living Eternal Pre-  
 sence in the Lord Jesus, to whom  
 I commit them all, if I never see  
 their Faces in the outward any  
 more; I know it will be well both  
 with me and them, as we give up  
 unto thee, to be ordered according  
 to thy Will, our little time we have  
 here to be upon the Earth; to the  
 Glory and Honour of thy great  
 Name, thou Everlasting Glorious  
 Father of Life, to whom alone it  
 doth belong, saith my Soul, with the  
 Souls of all thy Beloved and Faith-  
 ful Children and Servants, that thou  
 hast chosen to glorifie thee, who  
 alone is God over all, blessed for  
 ever, and evermore. And when  
 she had done, a Friend asked her how  
 she did, she said, *I am weak, but I  
 would*

would go home : What, said the Friend, to thy Eternal Home ? She smiled and said, Yea, when it pleaseth my heavenly Father. Her tender and loving Husband being there with her, drew near unto her, and she in much Love stroaked him on the Face with her Hand, when Tears trickled down his Cheeks, and Friends weeping by her, after a little time she put her Husband from her, and said, Give me up freely into the Arms of my heavenly Father ; and she spake no more, but within a little time finished her Course with Joy, and laid down her Body in Peace, near the 4th Hour in the Morning, the 17th of the 10th Month, 1665.

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**R**obert Hatton, of Hatton in Cheshire, was an Eminent Minister of the Gospel, and Faithful in his Labours and Travells to Preach the same for many Years, of a good Example,

ample, and adorned the Doctrine of Christ, and in his Innocent Life preached Righteousness at home and abroad. He was a Man of Substance Solid and Grave, and had a good Sense of God upon his Spirit, and a Divine Understanding of things that tended to the Honour of God, and the Churches Peace, he dearly loved Unity, and laboured earnestly to promote it; every appearance of that which obstructed it was Grief to him, but the increasing Fellowship of the Church his Soul rejoiced in: He was Zealous for the Holy Truth, and concerned for the Glory of God, his Soul hated the very appearance of Evil, and a sharp Reprover of the Loose, Prophane, Heady and High-minded, and such that were Lovers of Pleasures, more than Lovers of God, and being a Possessor of the Wisdom that's from above, was mild in Exhortation, and loved Tenderness in whomsoever it appeared, and ready to help the Weak. In Suffering of a Noble Spirit, bold for the Truth,

Truth, wholly resigned in the Will of God, come what would come; being a Man of Courage, and gave great Encouragement unto Suffering Friends, a Faithful Follower of the Lamb, whatever Tribulations or Im-prisonments he met with, or Fines that were imposed upon him, for the Testimony that the Lord had given him to bear. And when spoken to, not to Preach, he mildly answered, *If the Lord kindle a Sacrifice, who can forbear to offer.* And where-ever he travelled, he left a good Savour behind him.

The Day before he departed this Life, some of his Friends were with him, to whom he spake of things relating to the Inner Man, and said cheerfully, *My Spirit is very easie, and there is no Guilt or Burthen upon me:* And at their parting he said, *The Lord knows whether we may see the Faces one of another again.* And the Day following laid down his Head no doubt in Peace with God, and is at rest.

*Elizabeth*

**E**lizabeth Huntington, Daughter of Robert Huntington of Bomfsted-hill in Cumberland, was of an Innocent Life and blameless Conversation, and a good Example of a meek and gentle Spirit, careful and tender over all in whom the least appearance of Truth manifested it self. And when it pleased the Lord God by his mighty Power, to raise her up as an Instrument in his Hand to declare his Wonders, and shew forth his Praise ; her Travels and Labours were great for the Truth's Sake, to turn People unto the Lord ; being not satisfied to eat her Morsel or Bread alone : And her Faithfulness to Truth, was as her Crown to her latter end.

About the 7th Month, 1678. her mouth was opened by the Power of the Lord, in which she grew exceedingly in the Truth, and the Lord gave her Wisdom abundantly, and she became

became Valiant for the Lord, and bore an honourable Testimony for his Name and Truth, and was a good Example, and by her Faithfulness many were turned to the Lord, for she Laboured earnestly for the good of all People, and in the Year, 1679. she travelled with *William Johnson*, and *Fane Seally*, into *Northumberland*, *Bishoprick*, and *Yorkshire*.

And in 1680. she visited Friends in *Scotland*, with her Companions, *Frances Liddle*, and *Richard Perkin*, and returned to her Father's House after about three Months Travel. And soon after went again into *Northumberland*, *Bishoprick*, and *Yorkshire*, and returned to her Father's in the 6th Month.

And upon the 3d of the 7th Month was taken Sick, and after some time, she said to her Sister, *I must leave this troublesome World and go into Immortality*; and the Lord kept her near to himself; and as tho' she had fallen asleep she laid down her Head in Peace on the 9th of the 7th Month, and was

was Buried the 10th, in the 23d Year of her Age. In the Ministry 2 Years.

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**E**dward Jefferys of Charlecot in Wiltshire, was concerned after he had Spoken several Precious Words to those that were with him upon his Death-Bed, to give forth the following Paper, which was taken from him by Andrew Shepperd, and being Remarkable and Prophetical its here inserted, viz.

*A Word of Exhortation and Warning from the Servant of the Lord Edward Jefferyes, which on the 4th of the 11th Month, 1685. the Power of the Lord was in him, and it constrain'd him powerfully to Exhort all to Faithfulness; saying,*

**D**ear Hearts, A trying Day is yet a coming on this Nation; for the Lord will yet farther visit it, and

and he will sweep away Thousand into the Grave. I Prophesie of it in the pure Fear of Almighty God, who speaks through me his Instrument, which has followed him Faithfully; and now Heavens Joys are prepared for me, and for all those that faithfully follow him, as I have done: I have walked in the Narrow Way of Life and Peace; but how many are running in the Broad Way that leads to Destruction. All my time from my Youth upward, I was inclinable to that which was Good: And who would spend away his Day in Vanity and Folly? Seeing the shortness of time that we have here, to that we shall have hereafter. And, dear Hearts, be not concerned for me, altho' the Lord is pleased to remove me, he will raise up many Friends, when I am gone, for I must certainly go the way of all Flesh, and it will be but a little time, but you will come after me. Therefore I desire you may so walk, as becomes the blessed Truth of our God: For because of Pride,

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the Lord is offended with many that are under the Profession of the blessed Truth, which I have sought to promote in my Day, and that the Lord would carry it on to his own Praise: Often hath my Heart been bowed down in the Night Season; often intreating the Lord in behalf of all; often crying to the Lord for the Restoration of poor fallen Man, universally for all; often hath my Spirit been poured out to the Lord for this King *James II.* that now is, that he might be a Promoter of the blessed Truth and Righteousness in his Day: But I fear whether this will be the Man; yet, I say, the Lord will raise up one in his stead, that shall be as a Nursing Father, and as a Nursing Mother in *Israel*. God's Truth shall Prosper in this Land, the 4th of the 11th Month, 1685.

The deceased was an honest Faithful Man in his Day, and a Minister of the Gospel of Peace, and Laboured therein freely for the good of Souls, and died in Peace with God, and is at rest.

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Margaret Berry, Wife of William  
Berry of Choptank in Maryland,  
was a Mother in Israel, a Teacher of  
good Things, desired the good of all,  
and the Lord was with her, she was  
of a meek Spirit, diligent in Meeting,  
and stirred up Friends thereto,  
faithful to the Lord in all her Trials  
and Exercises she met with in this  
World, not willing to gratifie the  
Worlds Spirit; but ready to testifie  
against all Superfluity in what kind  
soever, as in Apparel, or other ways,  
went plain and decent in modest Ap-  
parel with Sobriety, and was Exam-  
plary therein to Young Women, pre-  
ferring a meek and quiet Spirit, as  
the best Ornament, willing to do  
good to all, especially to the House-  
hold of Faith, careful to see all things  
in order in her Family, Discreet,  
Chast, Obedient in her Place, ready  
to give up her Husband freely to the  
Lord's

Lord's Service even to the last, loved  
Unity amongst Friends.

And as she lay upon her Death Bed, (her Husband being from home, in the Service of Truth,) with Daniel Gould Of Road-Island) in and about Acamack,) before several Friends she said, I am freely given up to the Will of the Lord, and if it be his Will to remove me hence, I am well satisfied with what his Will and Pleasure is, and am satisfied that I shall lay down my Head in Peace with him, blessed be his Name for ever: And tho' my Pain be great upon my outward Man, I am kept and born above my Pain through the Goodness of the Lord, in that I have nothing laid to my charge; but that I have discharged my Conscience in his sight by his assisting Power. So finding her self very weak in Body, not knowing how short her time might be, desired her Brother Pitt to write what she had on her Mind by way of a Will, and said at that time, I would have all left to my dear Husband (if living:) And if any Part of what I have done, or the whole,

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be not agreeable to his Mind, he may make it void at his Pleasure; for I would not do any thing that should grieve him, for he never deserved it at my Hands.

Then she also desired him to write a Letter for her to her Husband, as followeth.

DEAR and Loving Husband,  
William Berry, After my endeared Love to thee, and dear Daniel Gould, I thought meet to let thee know, that I being very weak in Body, and not knowing what the Will of the Lord is touching my outward Man; Yet in this am I comforted and refreshed, that the Lord is not wanting to refresh me with the Smiles of his Countenance, and am satisfied it shall be well with my inward Man, and that when I shall lay down my Head, it will be in Peace with the Lord, into whose Hands I commit my self, being freely given up, whether Life or Death, which is more Satisfaction, than my tongue can Express.

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So, Dear Heart, having something  
 in my Mind, to have a few Lines  
 writ as a Will, and I could not see  
 thy Face, (which thing I more de-  
 sired than any outward Enjoyment)  
 so could not confer with thee: yet  
 what I have done in that kind, if I  
 should not see thy Face in Mutabili-  
 ty, it is not my Mind to do any  
 thing to grieve thee, or against thy  
 Mind: But when thou perusest  
 what I have writ, thou mayst, if it  
 please thee, perform or make void  
 at thy Pleasure; which I leave to  
 thy Consideration, not desiring to  
 grieve thee, nor that thou should'st  
 be freightned in thy Mind, or o-  
 therwise, upon this Account; or  
 bring thy self under upon any Ac-  
 count: but as I have said, it may be  
 with great Clearness: So commit-  
 ing thee, with my self, unto the  
 Lord, I take leave, and remain thy  
 true and loving Wife,

Margaret Berry

The 12th of the  
2d Month, 1688.

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The Day she departed, several Friends being there, she desired them to be called together, and said, I have something to say, if the Lord enable me, as concerning my Burial, my dear Husband being from home, must be left to you, and I desire there may be nothing of great Preparation for the same, though some may say it's Covetousness, it matters not; we have enough: but I am against glorifying the World's Spirit; for since I professed the Truth, I never had Unity with Superfluity at Burials, or Marriages, especially at Burials, and have born my Testimony often against such things, as some of you are my Witnesses, and my dear Husband is one with me, and I know if such a thing should be at my Burial, it would grieve him, who may be gone upon Truth's Account, and I have freely given him up. So if any Friend to the have anything to object, they may freely in thy speak.

All Friends were one with her in that Concern, and she farther said, I desire you may all keep in Unity, and be of one Mind. And desired James Berry

to make her Coffin, being Cheerful in her Spirit; and desired Friends to Remember her dear Love to her dear Husband, and dear Daniel Gant, and Friends. At another time, she said unto Friends that were with her, *Have your Eyes to God, whom I desire may support the little Remnant that is left behind: There are but a few, but the Lord is All-sufficient, and as you are faithful, you will be preserved; for indeed there are a few that have the weight of Truth upon their Spirits.* The Lord if it be his Will, raise up Standard-Bearers, and carry on his own Work. At another time, she said, *Sure People had need have nothing to do at this time, but to wait upon God, and when it shall please him to remove them: — And if it be so with me; O how will many die when their dying Hour approaches!* Then said, *Lord hasten thy Work, for there is no ease upon this Feather-Bed for my Body: But I shall be at ease, when my Body is laid in its cold Bed of Clay.* Some Hours before she departed, she desired all Friends to go to Bed, and took

took her leave of them, as if she was going to her long Home, (as indeed she was.) A little before she departed, the Lord gave her ease, which, she said, she never expected in her Body, for which she praised the Name of the Lord: So lay still afterwards, and all was well with her, being freed from the Pangs of Death, as appeared by her patient waiting the appointed time of the Lord, as if she was Slumbring. So in that quiet Stilness continued till she gave up the Ghost, and no doubt but she is Blessed: As she lived in the Lord, she died in him, and is rested from her Labours, and her good Works followed her.

She had given many other heavenly Exhortations, not noted, to several Friends, and to her Youngest Son, and others of her Family, and several Relations, exhorting all to Faithfulness, Diligence and true Humility before the Lord.

Her Age, the Day of her Death, nor place of Burial, I have no exact Account of.

**T**homas Fell, late of Chappel-Houſe  
in the Parish of Ireby, and  
County of Cumberland, was Convict'd  
in the Year, 1653. it being soon after  
the Lord had reveal'd his Truth in the  
North; and he was also the First  
Married amongst Friends, at least in  
those Parts. And although he owned  
Marriage an Ordinance of God; yet  
he could not find in all the Holy-  
Scriptures, that God ever appointed  
any of his Priests, or Ministers, to  
Marry any, or appointed they should  
have Money for so doing: Yet he was  
cast in Prison at Carlile, for not being  
Married by a Priest, and giving him  
Money. And there the said Thomas  
Fell remained Prisoner one Year, and  
before he had his Liberty, his Wife  
died, and afterwards was Prisoner near  
Ten Years, at the Suit of one Edward  
Relf, and Hugh Simpson, Impropria-  
tors, for not paying Ten Pence per  
Year,

Year, for Tythes, which they call'd  
*Prescription-Money*, for which he suf-  
fer'd Cheerfully, and with Patience,  
and never murmured, and after it pit-  
ted the Lord that he got his Liberty  
clearly, he travelled in the publick  
Service of Truth, bearing Testimony  
thereto, freely Preaching the Gospel  
of Christ, in *England*, and *Scotland*,  
and Divine Openings of Heavenly  
Things he had, and was of a blame-  
less Life and Conversation, and ser-  
viceable where he liv'd, and as he  
grew in Years, he grew in Gravity  
and Zeal for the Lord, and for the  
Promotion, and Prosperity of the  
great Work the Lord hath begun in  
the Earth, even to the Day of his  
Departure. A Friend visiting him,  
near the same Hour of his Departure,  
his Memory was perfect, and he said,  
*Truth is as Precious as ever*, for which  
I have been freely given up to Suffer, La-  
bour, and Travel, both in our own Coun-  
try, and in Scotland. Indeed he be-  
came as a Pillar in the Lord's House,  
and when, by reason of bodily weak-  
ness,

ness, he could not travel, he was concerned, that Friends might be kept in Unity, and walk in the Fellowship of the Gospel: And a little before his Departure, he enquired, whether they were in Love one with another, and if there were no Rent or Division; and when it was reported to him, That Friends were mostly well, and Truth prospered, he was comforted, and in great Peace he departed this Life, 1697. in Unity with the Brethren. Aged 73 Years.

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**W**illiam Tovey, late of Henley upon Thames, in Oxfordshire, Maultster, was Convinced of the call Blessed Truth in his Young Days, and hath lived unto a good old Age, and had many Children, whom he had a Care to train up in the way they should walk, and therein he, through Faithfulness, hath found Peace: He was a Just and Religious Man, careful to discharge his Duty to Almighty God, and to preserve his Peace with him.

him through Jesus Christ his dear Son, whom God hath sent a Light into the World, that all Men through him might believe, and by that Power which through Faith he received, he was enabled to shew a Godly, and Exemplary Conversation, and thereby did adorn the Doctrine of Christ our Saviour, and in the time of his bodily Weakness, was kept in a sweet peace and tender Frame of Spirit, and a few Days before he departed out of this Mortal Life, his Children being by him, he, in sweetness and tenderness of Spirit, said unto them, Be ye up-  
right, faithful to the Lord, and serve him in your Generation. And in particular, the calling his Son Caleb unto him, and taking him by the Hand, said, Dear I had Caleb, the Lord hath a Blessing in store ad for thee, be thou Faithful, and repeating theyt said, Be thou faithful, and the Lord rough with a Blessing in store for thee ; with : Honour weighty Expressions not noted, care and he added unto Caleb, saying, I do- lightre thou mayst succeed in my Place ; but e with me may say, thou being but a Young Man, him C 5 thou

thou art too forward; mind it not, but  
be thou faithful, and keep thine Eye to the  
Lord, and he'll be thy Reward.—Then  
he said, Oh! that a Young Generation  
<sup>\* Henley.</sup> may be raised up in this Place,  
if it be the Will of the Lord, that  
may bear a faithful Testimony to his Truth,  
his living Truth. I am not without Hopes,  
tho' at present not very likely, for there is  
a great deal of Rubbish to be removed out  
of the way. Adding, It's not high No-  
tions, nor a bare Profession that will do it;  
saying, its Heart Work. Being asked  
to drink some Cordial, he said, It's my  
Cordial, to do the will of my God; add-  
ing, I did not know I should have any-  
thing to say; but it is the Lord's doing.  
Then said to them present, Be not  
backward in going to Meeting, and sa-  
ye we are hindred: No, no, that is the Di-  
vill's Work: But be Valiant, miss no Op-  
portunity; for as you are diligent in wait-  
ing upon the Lord, that may be revealed  
to you at one time, that may not at another  
or afterwards. Then speaking of the  
Goodness of the Lord to the Humble,  
and how he guided those, whose  
Heart

Heartmore upright towards him, said  
 in much Tenderness, 'Such as I am  
 whilst he may be found, call upon him  
 whilst he is near: Let the wicked forsake  
 his Way, and the unrighteous Man his  
 Thoughts, and let him return unto the  
 Lord, and he will have Mercy upon him,  
 and to our God, for he will abundantly  
 Pardon. And then pray'd tenderly and  
 fervently to the Lord, for the Pro-  
 speri ty of his Truth in that Place.  
 And expressed his Satisfaction he had  
 in discharging his Duty, in the sight  
 of the Lord, saying, *The Quarterly-*  
*Meeting was pleased to Confer the Care*  
*of the Church in this Place upon me, (i. e.*  
*doing) me being desired to take Care of the*  
*Be ne Poor, and to have an Eye over the*  
*Professors of Truth there, that they*  
*the De night walk as became their Holy*  
*(no Oppression.) I never did any thing in a*  
*in an unseemly way: No, no; but the Humility*  
*and Tenderness, I march'd over them far*  
*another road, than I have been spurned at by some*  
*of them, but the Lord forgive them. His*  
*Humble was preserved very sensible, and*  
*who great Patience all the time of his Illi-*  
*ness,*

nef, several times saying, he had no  
 Chayre time, but was freely given up,  
 saying, I am ready, come my Lord when  
 thou pleasedst, I Am ready.—Another  
 time he said, The Lord doth not with-  
 hold his living Presence from me, so lift-  
 ing up his Hands again, said, All is  
 well, all is well, I am ready. And near  
 his departure, several of his Children  
 being by him, he looking upon them,  
 said, The Lord bless you all, the Lord  
 bless you altogether, and preserve you in  
 his blessed Truth unto your last Breath:  
 And then giving Order who should  
 be invited to his Funeral, he said, his  
 end in desiring many should be there, was  
 for the Salvation of their Souls; and if  
 but one should be reached, and come to  
 the Knowledge of the Truth and be saved,  
 it would be well, and that which this  
 good old Man desired: Then said, I  
 am wholly given up in the will of the Lord,  
 and I hope he'll make my Passage Easie;  
 and indeed the Lord was pleased to  
 answer his desire, for he went away  
 without Sigh or Groan; in the Year  
 1700, being 77 Years Old. And is en-  
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ter'd into the Joy of his Lord, and by Faith, he being dead, yet speaketh. or is yet spoken of, as it's said of Righteous Abel. And the weighty Sayings following, being found of his own Hand-writing, some Years after his decease, by his Son Caleb, are here Printed, being worthy of Observation.

' Stand in Awe of the Living God,  
' that created thee to glorifie his  
' Name.

' Refrain from all Evil, and Love  
' Righteousness.

' Do nothing that may bring Dis-  
' honour to Truth, if the whole  
' World might be gained thereby.

' According to the Ability, or  
' Talents that the Lord doth give  
' thee, inwardly or outwardly, do  
' thou serve the Lord, his Truth, and  
' People. Those that profess and  
' possess the Truth, that love it a-  
' bove all things, that can venture all  
' for Truth's sake; such do thou have  
' true Unity with: But not with  
' Backbiters, or careless Professors of  
' Truth.

' If

‘ If any Difference doth arise be-  
 ‘ twixt Friends, or others, do thou  
 ‘ endeavour to put an end to it, in  
 ‘ the Spirit of Meekness ; the rough  
 ‘ Nature is soon, but the meek and  
 ‘ gentle in the true Sced.

‘ Dost willing love to be Merciful,  
 ‘ that thou mayst walk humbly with  
 ‘ thy God ; that when thou hast  
 ‘ ended the Days of thy Natural Life,  
 ‘ thou mayst lay down thy Head in  
 ‘ Peace with the Living God ; which  
 ‘ far exceeds all the World, or the  
 ‘ World’s Enjoyments. And in so  
 ‘ doing, thou wilt not only answer  
 ‘ the Requirings of the Lord, but of  
 ‘ thy dear and tender Father also.

**W**illiam Bevan, of Swansea in the  
 County of Glamorgan, Aged  
 74 Years, being Sick and weak in  
 Body, and judging the time of his  
 Dissolution to be nigh, said unto his  
 Son, Silvanus Bevan, his Daughter  
 Farker being present, *I desire that you*  
*may live in Love together, when I am*  
*gone,*

gone, and keep to Ministry, and let your  
 Houses be open to those who bring good  
 Tidings of the Kingdom of Heaven; and  
 are faithful Labourers, and if you do  
 but little, God will add a Blessing; and  
 being asked if he would take any thing  
 to support his Spirits, he refused, and  
 said, All is well, and that he saw no  
 Cloud of Darkness before him, but blessed  
 God, that he had brought him into the in-  
 ner Court, and if he had Strength, he could  
 sing for Joy; with many other comfort-  
 able Expressions. At another time,  
 when weak in Bed, his Son Michael,  
 James Picton, and Kinsman William  
 Bevan, and his Son Silvanus Bevan,  
 being present, he said to this Effect,  
*Grandson William, be Obedient to those*  
*thou art under, Fear God always, and run*  
*not into the Fashions of the World; but*  
*behave thy self humbly and lowly, and God*  
*will add a Blessing to thy Endeavours.* —  
*And Son Michael, thou knowest much, and*  
*God hath given thee much Understanding,*  
*thou hast a large Memory of the Holy*  
*Scriptures, mind the Gift of God's Holy*  
*Spirit; and then thou wilt be a good Man,*  
*and*

and a sensible Man, and a Preacher  
of Righteousness in thy Life and Conver-  
sion, and he exhorted his Sons to  
be kind to Sister Hester, and to  
be kind to her in the Choice of a  
Son, who might be one that fears  
God, and lives uprightly, and on all oc-  
casions said he, She hath been care-  
ful and tender of me since your Mother  
died, and a Support to my Old Age :—  
So live in Love together, that others may  
behold you as a Family of Love, and then  
the Lord will bless you. At another  
time, his Son Silvanus, and many of  
his Grand Children being by his Bed-  
side, he said, Fashion not yourselves after  
this World, but transform yourselves to  
the Image of the Dear Son of God ; and  
be not puffed up in Pride, and Gaudy Ap-  
parel ; but in the Fear of God, adorn yourselves  
modestly, as becomes Christians to  
do, and keep to the small Grain of the  
Kingdom, and then you will grow and  
Flourish, in Holiness to the Praise of God,  
and lie down in Peace, as you see me now.  
And renewing his Advice, of being a  
Family of Love when he was gone,  
said,

said, Strive not who shall be greatest, but who shall be the humblest, and most serviceable amongst you; for he that exalts himself, shall be abased, and he that abases himself, shall be exalted. And Peace in the Holy Ghost, and a humbled Mind brings Pain and Trouble. You know it: But if you be Contented, to that small Grain which is sown in your Hearts, he will give you a promise, I am sure he will fulfil his Promise, and you will lie down in Peace. I have left something to every one of you, if you do well, 'twill be a Blessing, if not, a Curse, as the Children of Israel desiring Flesh, not obeying the Lord, not content with their Condition: God gave them Flesh in his Wrath, and they died whilst it was between their Teeth. So to the Lord I leave you, desiring him to bless you, which is the best Portion I can give you. So his Children all Kissing of him, concluded at this time in much Tenderness and Tears.

Many other comfortable Expressions dropt from him, which were not taken in Writing, nor can't be justly remembred; importing tender Advice, and Exhortation to his Children,

ren, shewing forth greatly the Joys of a peaceable Conscience in our Lord Jesus Christ. At another time, tho' very weak and in much Pain, about two hours before his sudden death still and clearly he for a little while said, *The Lord has removed the Pains of Death, and now abides in his weak Servant, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Praises Praises be to him for ever*, with other good Expressions, so continued Singing a Minute or two as one that the Lord had assured of his Salvation, and exalted above the fears of Death, or the Terrors of the World to come; being supported by the Spirit and Power of Religion, which the Agonies of Death are not able to shake. So having seen twenty of his Childrens Children, and growing weaker and weaker in Body, resigned up this Life in that Quietness and Innocency that Infants go to sleep, the 5th of the 12th Month, 1701 and was buried by his Wife, in Friends Burying-place in Swansey, and this good old Man, through Faith and Obedience in and to the Lord Jesus Christ,

Christ, and by a Patient continuing in well-doing to the End, hath, no doubt, the Reward of Immortality, Eternal Life, and Inherits Glory, Honour, and Peace with God in his Holy Kingdom, and will do for ever and ever.

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**N**icholas Beard of Rotherham in the County of S<sup>s</sup>sex, was in his Youth, a tender seeking Young-Man after the Knowledge of the Lord, and for near Twenty or Thirty Years, would often Ride many Miles to hear the best reputed Teachers the Times afforded.

In the Year, 1655. He was Convinced of the blessed Truth of God, by the Ministry of that Eminent Servant of Christ, *George Fox*, and received it in the Love thereof, and was faithful thereto, and it pleased the Lord to call him into the Ministry, and he laboured in the Work thereof in the County wherein he lived, and the Neighbouring Counties; he was

was a constant attender of Quarterly, Monthly, and Weekly-Meetings, as long as Strength of Body would admit, and after that failed, that he could not go far, continued visiting the nearell Meetings, constant, sound in Doctrine, fervent in Prayer, and to his Children would often say, *That which is right do, and the Lord be with you.* And in the senfe of the Lord's Goodness, would often say, *Be thou bowed before the Lord, Oh! my Soul.* And growing weak in Body, being in his Chamber, and some of his Children with him, with lifted up Hands and Eyes, said, *I must leave you to the Teachings of the Lord, and the Lord in Mercy be with you;* and being weak in his Bed, in Melody of Spirit, was heard to say, *Oh! Lord, my Soul blesseth thee, and all that is within me magnifieth thy Holy Name;* and often desired to depart, and be with Christ in Peace, which he also signified should be his Portion in the World to come. So departed this Life in Peace with the Lord, and Unity with the Brethren,

thren, the ad of the 5th Month, 1702. having ordained in his Will, that his Executor should entertain his Friends, the People called *Quakers*, in his House, as he in his Life time did. Aged 80 Years, a Minister about 30 Years.

And to shew he was not only called to believe, but also to suffer, I shall briefly recite some of his Sufferings.

For his Testimony against paying Tythes in this Gospel-Day, he had taken from him, by one *Robert Baker*, Priest of *Rottingdeane*, for one Years Tythes demanded, 12 Oxen, 6 Cows, 1 Bull, which were Sold the same day at *Lewis-Clift-Fair* for 111*l.*—5*s.* but worth more.

For the Worship of God, or meeting only for that end, and keeping the Testimony of a good Conscience, in obeying Christ's Command, *Swear not at all*, and abiding in his Doctrine, and for not bearing Arms, or sending out in the *Militia*, and not frequenting the Publick Worship: He was prosecuted on the Statute of 20*t.* per Month, and under-went Imprisonment,

ment, and sustained the Loss of his Goods, and many other abuses; yet it pleased the Lord to support and bless him; so that although his Loss was more than One Thousand Pounds, and his Charge of Children considerable, being the Father of above 20, yet he gave them that lived good Portions, being 12. also lived to see several of them well settled in the World, leaving his Youngest Son in his own Seat, in a much more plentiful Estate than his Parents left him; tho' he was a Prisoner several Years.

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**E**lizabeth Hopkins, Wife of Thomas Hopkins, of Glastonbury in Somersetshire, loved Truth, and those that were Faithful to it, altho' she was but Young in it; and when taken Sick, was not discontented, but resigned unto the Will of God. And being asked, whether she was willing to die, she said, *I am fitted to die, and fully satisfied, I find nothing in my way that binders me from Peace with the Lord,* and

and lay often praising the Lord, for his great living Kindness and Mercy to her, in bringing her to the Knowledge of the Truth: And towards her End, said, *Lord make my Passage out of this World easie*, which he was pleased to grant, and she passed away like a Lamb, or one going to sleep, she departed in true and living Faith, the 16th of the 6th Month, 1703. after several Months Weakness; and was buried in Friends Burying-Ground at Glastenbury.

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**J**OHN Beere of Weymouth, in the County of Dorset, was Born of Believing Parents, in the Year, 1639. and when he grew up, he imbraced the same Faith with them, and Professed Truth in much Plainness, and Sincerity, and was, through the Power of it, of a blameless Conversation, a good Example, and of great Service in the Church.

In the Year, 1693. being about 34 Years of Age, he received a Gift of

of the Ministry, in which he was a Faithful Labourer, tho' he did not travel far, but had good Service in his own Country, and was well beloved and esteemed of by his Friends and near Neighbours, to whom he administered much tender and wholesome Advice, and in his last Sickness two Days before he died, he sent for a Friend and Neighbour, who when he came, asked him how he did, he replied, *I have but one Pain to encounter with, that is the Pain of my Body, for my Mind is at ease,* and at another visit, of the same Friend, he repeated the same. The Day that he departed, there were several Friends and others to visit him, to whom he gave seasonable Advice, desiring them to be Faithful, saying, *Altho' you are few in Number, if you continue faithful, the Lord will increase you, and desired them to make their Peace with the Lord in the time of their Health, for on a Death-bed they would have enough to do, to struggle with the Pain of the Body;* so, he said, if he lived had not made his Peace with the Lord before

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fore he came on a dying Bed, he had been Miserable. Another time, his eldest Daughter asking how he did, he said, *I am waiting for my Change*, and desired his Children to be Obedient to their Mother, and keep out of all evil Company. Many were the seasonable and comfortable Expressions, which he gave forth in the time of his Weakness, that cannot be remembred. He died the 5th of the 7th Month, 1703. Aged 44 Years, a Minister 10 Years.

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Sarah Scott, Daughter of Francis Scott, of Hambridge in the County of Somerset, Aged 13 Years, wanting four Days, being Educated in the way of Truth, professed by the People called Quakers, from the Age of three Years, by her Uncle and Aunt Whiting, who took her as their own. She was of a loving and affable Temper, and sober Behaviour; but of a weakly Constitution, not given or addicted to any bad Words or Actions; and before she came upon a Sick Bed, it seemed

seemed hard sometimes for her to be reconciled to her Sickness: But upon reading several Places in the New Testament, concerning Afflictions, and Chastisements; as *Heb.* xii. &c. she came to be reconciled to both, and afterward received great Satisfaction, so that her Heart was often enlarg'd in the Love of God, and her Soul did Magnifie the God of her Salvation.

Her Uncle *J. W.* ask'd her, if she was willing to die, she said, *If I had Assurance of the Love of God, I should*: Then he ask'd her, if she had anything that lay upon her Mind, that troubled her, she answered, *No: nothing in particular, but that she had* ~~lived no better, or more circumspect;~~ <sup>my</sup> upon his mentioning to her the Mercy of God in Christ Jesus, who died for ~~her~~ <sup>me</sup>, she said, *If it be the Will of God to* ~~take me to himself, I am content;~~ <sup>God</sup> *and I* <sup>will</sup> ~~she frequently pray'd in secret unto~~ <sup>the Lord;</sup> <sup>and</sup> ~~being spoken to~~ <sup>when still,</sup> she said, *Let me alone, that* <sup>the</sup> ~~I may meditate on my God,~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~and after~~ <sup>it</sup> ~~said, she enjoyed the Streams of the Love of~~ <sup>God</sup>

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God, but found (as she said) the Enemy  
so busie, that it is hard to keep my Mind  
staid on the Lord ; adding, she was sorry  
for all that did live wickedly, and lamented  
what many would do, when they came upon  
a Death Bed ; and desired her Aunt to  
advise one of her Acquaintance, to take  
more Care of her Words and Actions, or  
she would find it hard when she came upon  
a Death Bed. And she said, I have  
had much trouble, the Enemy having been  
busie, when I was in Meetings, so that I  
looked out sometimes, and neglected the In-  
ward Work, for which I have known Sor-  
that now.—I have gone through Nights of Sor-  
No. now, and Prayer ; but now I am made  
happily willing to die, saying, I shall go to a glo-  
; butious Place, where there is no Temptation  
Mercy, or Sorrow, and where all Tears shall be  
wiped from the Eyes,—adding, My  
God spirit is comforted in the Love of God, and  
; and I had lived more in the Fear of God, I  
t unto could have been more comforted.—The  
Lord hath been good to me,—I am willing  
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time or other ; they must bow, if they will not bow in Mercy, they must in Judgment. Adding, It's well for me, that I have been afflicted ; else I might not have known the things that belong to my Peace ; but now I cannot say I do not know them, for I do now see them, and rejoice in them. Next Morning, she expressed a Concern for a near Relation, desiring that she might live in the Fear of God, saying, *The Fear of the Lord is the beginning of Wisdom:* Then lamented those that live in Pride, and spent much time in adorning the Body, and walking wantonly. After, she magnified the Lord's Goodness, saying *The Lord is a Gracious God, and of great Mercy and Righteousness, and I trust in him.* And she prayed very devoutly, and implored the Lord's Mercy, and praised him for his Goodness, and gave good Advice to those present particularly to the Party afore him, saying, *Be careful of thy Word and Carriage, especially in Meetings, keep in thy Mind, for God is to be worshipped in Spirit and Truth, and that God*

had given her a Measure of his Grace,  
that she should serve him whilst she was in  
Health, for when she did come to a Sick  
Bed, and be in Pain, it would be harder.  
After, she said, Remember my Love to  
all Friends that ask for me ; and then  
prayed, saying, ' Oh ! Lord Jesus, re-  
ceive my Soul, if it be thy Heavenly  
Will : Oh ! Lord, I am truly resign'd  
to thy Will : Oh ! Lord Jesus, come  
quickly, if it be thy Heavenly Will,  
Oh ! Lord, and make my Passage  
easie.—O Lord ! send thy Angel, to  
conduct me to thy Heavenly King-  
dom.—O Lord ! thou art Beautiful.  
O Lord ! hear my Prayer, and grant  
me my Request, if it be thy Heaven-  
ly Will : Give me Power over the  
Enemy ; he is a cunning Enemy, a  
subtil Serpent : O Lord ! keep me  
from his Temptations, who lays his  
Baits at every Corner.—Again she  
aid, ' There is nothing to be com-  
pared to thy Love, all the World  
is but as a fading Flower.—O ! what  
will it avail a Man, to gain the  
whole World, and lose his own Soul.

‘ O ! what need have People to go  
 ‘ with their Heads so high, when they  
 ‘ must all be laid in the Dust. O Lord !  
 ‘ thou art Sweet, thy Countenance is  
 ‘ comely. O Lord ! how hast thou  
 ‘ refreshed me many a time, after I  
 ‘ have prayed unto thee : Oh ! that  
 ‘ thou would’st crown me with Glory,  
 and said, ‘ Oh ! that we may all meet  
 ‘ again in the Kingdom of Heaven.—  
 After she said, ‘ O Lord Jesus ! there  
 ‘ is none like unto thee, (the Author,  
 ‘ and Finisher of our Faith) to help,  
 ‘ and none else can.

The Day before she died, she said,  
 ‘ O Lord ! thou art the Great Physi-  
 cian of Value, the Heavenly Physi-  
 cian, who canst do that which none  
 ‘ else can : Thou canst raise from the  
 ‘ Dead ; speak the Word, and it shall  
 ‘ be done : Thou art a gracious God,  
 ‘ and of great Mercy, and full of  
 ‘ Righteousness : Thy Mercies deserve  
 ‘ to be had in Everlasting Remem-  
 brance, from the beginning of the  
 ‘ World, to the End thereof.—Oh  
 ‘ Lord Jesus, thou hast tendered my  
 ‘ Spirit

' Spirit, and humbled my Soul: Thy  
 ' Works are too wonderful to be [ful-  
 ' ly] spoken of; with many other  
 Heavenly Expressions; and in the  
 Evening, her Relations thinking she  
 had been departing, after some time  
 she looked up, and said, *Pray for me.*  
 And her Uncle Bowles being present,  
 he found a Concern upon him to pray,  
 to the Lord for her; then she said to  
 her Aunt, *Don't grieve when I am gone;*  
 and desir'd her the next time the Lord  
 did visit her (in that manner) not to  
 disturb her. And that Night took  
 her leave of all that were about her,  
 in a very Solemn manner, taking  
 them by the Hand, and bidding them  
 Farewell, and after said to her Aunt,  
*Now I am just a going,* and said, *Come*  
*Lord Jesus, come quickly, into thy hands*  
*I render my Soul.* Her Uncle Bowles  
 coming in, asked her, how it was  
 with her? she answered, *Very well,*  
 which were her last Words, and in a  
 few Minutes passed away without  
 Sigh or Groan, on the 27th of the  
 8th Month, 1703. Aged 13 Years.

wanting 4 Days. And was buried the 30th of the same, from Bull and Mouth - Meeting-House, at Friends Burying-Ground, near Bunhill-Fields, London.

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**W**illiam Fennell, Aged about 12 Years, Son of William Fennell of Tongball in Ireland, Shopkeeper, took to his Bed the 24th of the 12th Month, 1703. and the Lord having visited him about 2 Years before, and often followed him, with the Reproofs and Convictions of his Holy Spirit, when he had sometimes been wild, and run to play among other Children. And when he was brought on his Sick Bed, not many Days after, he was under an inward Exercise of Mind, and he desired his Mother to read by him, and another time, desired to have the Ten Commandments read to him, which were, and he was ask'd how far he found he had kept them. he answered, 'He had not, as he could remember, ever taken the Lord's Name

' Name in vain, and that he loved and  
 ' honoured his Father and Mother,  
 ' and had been careful not to tell Lyes  
 ' or false Stories on any one, nor had  
 ' he Stole any thing, except taking  
 ' some Plumbs without asking leave,  
 ' and hoped the Lord would pass it  
 ' by, with what else he had done a-  
 ' miss ; and remaining very weak, he  
 was ask'd, if he was willing to die,  
 he answered, ' If I thought I was fit.  
 The 3d of the 1st Month, two English  
 Friends being in Town, he desired  
 they might have a Meeting in the  
 Chamber with him, which they had,  
 and he afterwards expressed his Satis-  
 faction therein, and then he broke  
 forth in much trembling, saying,  
 ' O Lord ! forgive all my Faults I  
 ' have done; and have Mercy and Pity  
 ' on my Poor Soul, keep out the Eue-  
 ' my, that is ready to come in upon  
 ' me; for none but thee, O Lord ! is  
 ' able to do it: With much more,  
 and then called for his Sisters and Bro-  
 ther, and exhorted them, ' to Love  
 ' and Fear God, and pray to him, to

fit them to die, and to love Truth,  
 and to go to Meetings, and think  
 upon God and good Things, and the  
 Lord would Love them. And bid  
 them, do what their Father and  
 Mother bid them, and be Obedient  
 to them, and look in their Bibles,  
 and they would find it was God's  
 Command to Children, to obey their  
 Parents, for it's well pleasing unto  
 the Lord.

And to one of his Companions, be-  
 ing by, viz. *Edward Lawndry*, he said,  
 Do'ſt thou think, thou art fit to die,  
 if thou thinkest thou art not, then  
 pray to the Lord, and desire him  
 to make thee fit, and do not mind  
 Play too much, saying, he was sorry  
 he had so long; but he hoped the  
 Lord would forgive him.— Lying  
 still some time, being under a concern  
 of Mind, was asked what his Concern  
 was, and after some pause, he answer-  
 ed, I am desiring the Lord to bring  
 me in with the rest of his lost Sheep;  
 with more to that purpose, saying,  
 I have cried unto him many a Night,  
 since

since I have been not well; for I  
 have been a wild Boy, and lov'd play  
 too well, and when you have some  
 times Corrected me, I took it a lit-  
 tle hard; but now I am glad you  
 did, and I can't express the Love I  
 now have to you, for taking that  
 care of me, you did well, had you  
 not done it, I might have been wil-  
 der, for, said he, the Lord hath  
 been following me, and striving with  
 me, to bring me down these two  
 Years, and let me see when I have  
 been running to Play, if I continued  
 running on to be wild, then Weep-  
 ing, Wailing, and Lamentation  
 would be my Portion; and some-  
 times I have turned back, and have  
 gone into the Garret and wept bit-  
 terly, and have desired the Lord to  
 help me: But after, when enticed  
 by my Comrades to go, I was not  
 able to resist the Temptations,  
 which was my great Trouble, and I  
 have got into a Secret Place to En-  
 deavour to retire, and often have  
 prayed to the Lord in the Night sea-  
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\* son on my Knees, when others have  
 \* been a-sleep.—And this Child cried  
 out, saying, Oh! the Lord loves Soli-  
 \* litariness, he doth not love Laugh-  
 \* ing and Joaking; I never read that  
 Christ smiled, but often pray'd and  
 wept.—Then he pray'd, ‘ O Lord!  
 hear me, and have pity on me; for  
 thou know’st I am very sore afflicted,  
 Lord help me: Oh! it’s none but  
 thou that canst do it Lord: O Lord!  
 be near me, and suffer not the Ene-  
 my to prevail over me.

And speaking of the Lord’s Prayer,  
 this Child said, ‘ I have much lament-  
 ed how People teach their Children  
 the Lord’s Prayer, without minding  
 the depth that is in it, saying, *Our*  
*Father which art in Heaven:* But they  
 that remain in Wickedness, are not  
 his Children; so cannot rightly call  
 him *Father.* *Hallowed be thy Name*  
 but too many dishonour it by their  
 wicked Words. *Thy Kingdom come*  
 Oh! but too few let the Lord live  
 and have Dominion in them. *The*  
*Will be done in Earth,* [that is, said  
 he]

‘ he, in our Earthen Bodies] as it is  
 ‘ done in Heaven; [and alas! we all  
 ‘ know there’s nothing but the Will  
 ‘ of God done there] Oh! but how  
 ‘ little of the Lord’s Will is done here.  
 ‘ Give us this Day our daily Bread;  
 ‘ O Lord! said he, give me daily  
 ‘ Bread from thee. Forgive us our Tres-  
 ‘ passes, as we forgive them that trespass  
 ‘ against us: But Oh! how unwillingly  
 ‘ do many People forgive them that  
 ‘ trespass against them.—How can  
 ‘ such expect forgiveness of the Lord?  
 ‘ Lead us not into Temptation, but deliver  
 ‘ us from Evil; (and then he said, Oh!  
 ‘ leave me not in Temptation, but  
 ‘ deliver me from the Tempter, for  
 ‘ thine is the Kingdom, and all Power is  
 ‘ with thee, and Glory for ever. This  
 ‘ Prayer (said he) People teach their  
 ‘ Children by Heart, and think it is  
 ‘ enough. I have been at Play with  
 ‘ a Boy in the Street, and his Father  
 ‘ hath called to him, saying, Have  
 ‘ you said your Prayers to Day, and he  
 ‘ hath gone in from me, and stood be-  
 ‘ hind the Door, and hath said this  
 ‘ Prayer,

' Prayer, as fast as he could, for hast  
 ' to go to Play again ; I hearkned to  
 ' him all the while : Such careless ones  
 he lamented ; and he gave good Ad-  
 vice to many that came to him, and  
 advised the Servant Maid against  
 speaking bad Words ; and tho' his  
 Breath grew short, he said, *I desire to  
 praise the Lord always*, and so continued  
 in a Wonderful Manner, he was very  
 Resigned unto the Will of the Lord,  
 and desired his Parents to give him up  
 freely, and then took his leave in  
 great Tenderness, of his Father, Mo-  
 ther, Sisters, and Brother, and Rela-  
 tions; desiring to have his Love to  
 his Grandmother, and some other  
 Relations and Friends that were not  
 present ; and pausing, he said, *Oh !*  
*what Joy I feel* : Then praising the  
 Lord, while Strength remained, till  
 near the Minute of his Departure, and  
 resigning himself to the Lord : His  
 last Words heard was, *O Lord !* for  
 what followed could not be under-  
 stood, his Breath failing, and so  
 sweetly Departed, being the 14th of  
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the 1st Month, 1704. Aged 12 Years and a half and 2 Days, kept his Bed about 18 Days.

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**S**arah Soundy, Wife of William Soundy of Reading, and Daughter of William Tovey of Henly upon Thames in Oxfordshire, Maulster, was trained up in the Fear of God, and when on her Death Bed, she breathed forth in an Extraordinary Manner Praises to the Lord ; and said, *The Lord is a merciful God, I find him so to my Soul ; he spreadeth a Table for his Children, and the Dainties he sets thereon, and his Children feed thereat. He honoureth me with his Presence, and that is Favour enough. And as for this World, it's but a bubble ; I would not change my Condition for any of yours,* (meaning those then by her bed side) altho' I might have my Health : for I can never be better satisfied to die, than now I am ; with abundance more Heavenly Expressions, which she delivered

livered one Day after another, (which were not noted) she farther said,  
*What have I done that the Lord should be so good to me, many have been great Sufferers; but I have done nothing: So that if I have but the least place in the Kingdom, I shall be satisfied, altho' it be but a Door-keeper.*

She died the 24th of the 12th Month, 1703. at *Ridge*, and was Buried in Friends Burying-Ground, in *Henley upon Thames* the 28th of the 12th Month, 1703.

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**M**ary Stubs, Daughter of Thomas Stubs, belonging to Pardshaw-Meeting in Cumberland, came of Believing Parents, by whom she was Educated in the way of Truth, and reached thereby in her young Years, walking Circumspectly, as becomes the Truth, and received a Publick Testimony, seven Years before her Death, and visited Friends in Northumberland, some Part of Bishoppick, Yorkshire, and Lancashire, and Friends

Friends generally in the Nation of Ireland, and was well received. And when visited with Sickness, was well born up in her Spirit, and when her Mother seemed to be troubled and sorry to part with her, she desired her to be Content for it was her great Joy, and farther said, *I see nothing that I have to do but die,* and also said, *I am fully clear,* and so departed very sensibly, the 11th of the 12th Month, 1704. in the 33d Year of her Age, and was buried in Friends Burying-place at Eaglesfield.

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**A**mbrose Rigge, late of Rygate in Surry, was born at Banton, in Westmorland, and Convinced of the Truth about the Year, 1652. And being called of God, to Preach the Gospel of Peace and Salvation, was drawn to visit London, and the South and West Parts of England, about the Year 1655. enduring great Hardships, being often Imprison'd in divers Gaols, not for Evil-doing, but Preaching the Truth.

Truth, and for his refusing to Swear, in Obedience to Christ, who commanded, **Swear not at all**, was Praemunireed, and made Prisoner at ~~Hastings~~ in *Sussex* above 10 Years at one time; he was also Whipp'd and often Evilly intreated, and Abused, which he bore with much Patience, and continued faithful unto Death. And in the time of his Sickness, wherein he died, he had great Assurance of the Mercy and Favour of God, and said, *I am going where the weary are at Rest*: And he bore his Sickness with much Patience ; and a little before his Departure, he declared, saying, *If Friends keep to the Root of Life in themselves, they would be the happiest People in the World.*

He departed this Life the 30th of the 11th Month, 1704 and was Buried the 4th of the 12th Month, in Friends Burying-ground at *Ryegate in Surrey*.

Aged above 70.

A Minister about 49

Years.

George

**G**eorge Fooks, late of Grays-Inn-Lane, in the Parish of Andrews Holbourn, in the County of Middlesex, Shoemaker, was Born at Boston in Cambridge-shire, in the Year 1649. and Religiously inclined from his Youth. He was Convinced of the blessed Truth as professed by the People called Quakers (with whom he joined in Society) about the Age of one and twenty ; and by believing in Christ, the true Light, he came to receive Power to walk Inoffensively ; and though he could not then Read, he afterwards Learned to Read the Holy Scriptures, and greatly delighted therein. And when he came to have a Family, was careful to have them frequently read therein ; and would direct those of his Family, to that holy Spirit in themselves, which the Scripture testifies of, that thereby they might come to have an Understanding of them, and find help in themselves to withstand Evil, and to

to be preserved out of it: He cautioned them also against Evil, and exhorted them to that which was good, and well-doing.

He was a Man of a tender Heart, and meek Spirit, pitiful to the Poor, and faithful to the Lord, who was pleased to give him a Part in the Ministry of the Word of Life, about the Year 1691. and after he travelled some time in the Work thereof, and was serviceable for several Years; whilst he enjoyed his Health.

In the Year, 1704. it pleased the Lord to visit him with sore Affliction of Body; which he bore with much Patience, and in the time of his Weakness had many Visits from his Friends and Neighbours, being well beloved by them, and when some came to visit him, and said, *The Lord comfort you* he answered, 'The Lord is with me, and is my Comfort Night and Day, and hath made my Bed easier than I could think, altho' the Lord hath been pleased to afflict my Body; yet he comforteth my Soul; as he

' he hath taken away the Strength of  
 ' my Limbs, he hath preserved my  
 ' Senses to praise him.

Before he died, he called his Son, and bid him read the 5, 6, 7<sup>th</sup> Chapt. of *Matthew*, and then observ'd to him the Blessing mentioned therein, and said to him, ' Thou hast a Priviledge beyond many poor Children, I would not have thee slight it; but read them often, and desire the Lord to open thy Understanding in what thou readest; for it's for our help; and as thou dost so, I do believe the Lord will help thee, as he did me:—My Concern is for thy Soul's Good, which is of greater Value than thy Body. Then he added, ' The Lord hath blessed my honest Endeavours and Labours hitherto; so that thou hast been fed and cloathed with the rest of my Children and Family, and I have something to spare: but the greatest Blessing, the Lord hath blessed me with, is, the Knowledge of his Truth, which thou hast often heard me say, that

that whatever the Lord should be  
 pleased to bereave me of, that he  
 would be pleased to keep me in the  
 sense of this Blessing ; and at this  
 have a living Sense thereof,  
 with earnest desires to the Lord it  
 may be so with thee : My dear Child,  
 I am going out of this World, and  
 must leave thee, and thou wilt lose  
 a tender Father ; but as thou dost  
 mind the Lord, and think upon him,  
 he will be a Father to thee, as he  
 was to me : And before thou be'st  
 kind and loving to thy Mother, and  
 be ruled by her when I am gone, and  
 remember what I have said unto  
 thee, and keep the Commandments  
 the Lord in thy Life time, and  
 it will be well with thee hereafter,  
 and then thou wilt not be afraid to  
 die : — For thy sake I could have  
 been willing to have stay'd longer  
 here, but it must not be, and I am  
 willing to submit to the Will of the  
 Lord ; for it is well, it is well, or I  
 would not have told thee so ; I am  
 not afraid to die. — Once more I bid  
 thee

' thee remember the Father's dying  
 ' Words. He said also to his Son,  
 ' I never kept back the Wages of any  
 ' Man, that did any thing for me, nor  
 ' ever over-reached any Man in Dealing,  
 ' nor ever wronged any Man one  
 ' Penny.

Then desiring to see his Daughter, she came. He said unto her, ' My Child, thou wast my First born, and the Child of my Love; but thou hast grieved me to the Heart, and grieved the Lord, and many Friends that wished thee well. I am now going out of this World, and when my Trouble endeth, thine may begin.—I do forgive thee, and desire the Lord to pass by and forgive thee, and I do forgive thee, and I hope and believe he will; but thou must be very diligent, in seeking and crying to him: Thou art now a Mother of Children; be sure to be a good Example unto them; teach them to read the Scriptures, and do thou so too, quit thy self to thy Husband, as a Woman fearing God should:

' Be

' Be loving to thy Mother, and she  
 ' will be loving to thee and thine I  
 ' know: I have seen thy Condition,  
 ' and considered it, the Lord bless  
 ? the? is my earnest desire; think up-  
 ' on my dying Words, when I am  
 ' gone, they may do thee good. I have  
 ' been a tender Father to thee: So  
 ' hereafter thou mayst say, Oh!  
 ' Wife ! how hath been, and is my Soul  
 ' Ravished with Joy. I cannnot ex-  
 ' press the Joy my Soul hath been in  
 ' this Night : O Wife ! it's well, don't  
 ' be troubled for me; for it's well, and  
 ' as we keep close to the Lord, it will  
 ' be well.

This is the Account which he gave  
 in the time of his Sicknes ; tho' he  
 sometimes met with Exercises, the  
 Lord was with him, and stood by him,  
 for he was an honest Man, and so li-  
 ved and died, and no doubt is at rest  
 in the Paradice of God.

He died the 27th of the 8th Month,  
 1704. Aged about 55  
 Convinc'd about 34 Years.  
 A Minister about 13

And

And was decently and honorably

Buried, being accompanied by Friends,

Relations, and many Friends to a Funeral.

Burying-Place near Bury St Edmunds.

**A**NNETRESS, was born at Knad-  
ing, where she received the  
Truth, and suffered Imprisonment for  
her Testimony to it, she was well e-  
steemed of, being a Woman that  
loved Truth, and was Zealously  
given up to promote its Honour, and  
Encouraged Faithfulness among the  
Professors of it; both by Exhortation  
and Example, and was often concern-  
ed in publick, to speak of the Good-  
ness of God, in Christ Jesus, to Man-  
kind, from a Sense and Taste thereof, and  
pressed to Diligence in the Worship  
of God, and Holiness of Life. And  
Life and Power attended her Testi-  
mony. She often desired her last Si-  
ness might not be long; and it was  
indeed but about four Days, and in  
that time she Counselling her Friends,  
Neighbours, and Grand Children,

And

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that was to fit her, and were with her, to prize their Precious Time, and to keep out of every thing that would offend the Lord, and said, *My Peace is with the Lord.* And prayed with much Sweetness, for her Grand-Children, and that the Lord would destroy all that in his People, which was contrary to himself. A few Hours before she departed, said, *I now hope I shall be at rest.*

She died the 17th of the 1st Month, 1724. Aged 76 Years.

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**H**umphrey Woolbridge, was Convinced of Truth early, and received a Publick Testimony for it. He travelled pretty much about England in the Service of Truth, and printed several Books. About the Year, 1705. being at London, was taken ill, and continued so some time at Friends Work-House near Clerkenwell being troubled with a great Swelling in his Face and Mouth, which much deprived him of his Speech; but he

wit several times to Friends, what  
the Lord was good to him, and de-  
sired Friends to pray for him, saying,  
*I see a farther weight of Glory, into which  
I am not entered.—Another time, My  
Love in the Lord is to you, my present  
thought, is, to die is my Gain, without  
doubt; because of the Love and Mercy of  
God, that casteth out Fear, is shed in my  
Heart, to whom I bow my Kne, and  
bless his holy Name, his gracious Name.*

And in the 5th Month, a little be-  
fore his Death, he writ to some Friends  
in London, thus, *The Lord is my Rock,  
and my Salvation, and Tower, in the  
time of my Distress and Anguish, I cried  
to the Lord, when the Billows went over  
my Head, and the proud Waves did up-  
Eng my Soul; then was my Faith in God, and  
and underneath was the everlasting Arms, un-  
t the Salvation. So that with David I could  
as to say, *The Lord sitteth upon the Flood,*  
me a *Reigneth as King for ever and ever.**

He died the 31 of the 5th Month,  
elling 1707. Aged about 74 Years.

W  
illiam Harris, of Radford-seemly  
in the County of Warwick, was  
one that received Truth in the Love  
of it, in his Youthful Days, and be-  
ing Faithful; a Part of the Gospel  
Ministry was given to him; in which  
he laboured with Zeal and fervency  
of Spirit, and was very serviceable in  
Doctrine and Discipline, serving  
Truth and Friends in singleness of  
Heart; seeking much the Prosperity  
of Truth, and the Love and Unity of  
Friends in it, he was fervent and  
zealous in Admonition and Exhorta-  
tion to all People where his Lot  
was cast; always having a regard  
to the Fear of the Lord unto the last,  
very honourable for his Innocent  
Life, and upright Conversation,  
wherein he walked as a true Pattern  
of Virtue; Ruling well his own  
House, and keeping his Family in  
good Order, wherein he was Exem-  
plary, often calling upon them to  
Love and Fear the Lord, and to walk  
together

together upon the Lord in his own Family. And with much Diligence, and due Order to frequent their Publick Meetings, wherein his Love and Faithfulness was manifest to the last.

He was taken ill in a Meeting, which *Joseph Bains* had appointed in the Publick Meeting-House at *Harbury*, on the 18th of the 7th Month, 1705. but sate the Meeting, and after he was well satisfied in the Will of the Lord being done ; for he was not afraid to die. And after, being something better, went home, and grew weaker : But the Lord enabled him on the 23d of the 7th Month, being First Day to go to the Meeting of Friends at *Harbury*, and publickly declared the Word of Truth, with much fervency, both to Friends and others ; and after Meeting hasten'd home, and grew weaker and weaker to Body. On the 3d of the 8th Month, A Friend went to visit him, to whom he said, The Night before had been very comfortable to him for the Lord gave him full Repose ; so that he felt no pain.

the Lord was so in his Love to him, that he shewed him, that the Walls of Salvation was about him, and that he would give him an Entrance into Everlasting Life.

On the 6th of the same Month, he was taken so ill, that it was thought he would have scarce lived till Morning. And when a Friend came to see him next Morning, he was a little revived, and spoke comfortably to him, and those present. And the next Day, the Friend came again to see him, and when he came into the Chamber, he put forth his Hand, and took him by the Hand, saying, *Thou art come to see me this once more, I am a dying Man, I wait to be dissolv'd, memory of this frail Body; when the Lord receiveth, I would be freed from it.* Several Friends coming to see him, he spake very sensibly to them; and when they took their leave, he exhorted them to Fear the Lord, and be忠ful in the Truth. A Friend that related to him, taking his leave of him, seemed to be troubled, he said,

said, Make no & do, neither be troubled; it is the Lord's doing. He exhorted his Elder Servant, to Fear the Lord, and charged her to exhort her Fellow Servant, to Fear him also, saying, Without it the Heart will not be kept clean. A Friend said to him, Thou hast been a Comfort to many, I hope the Lord will Remember thee in his Mercy, and be a Comfort to thee in this thy Affliction: He answered, The Lord is good to my Soul; I can say, I have fought the good Fight of Faith, I am now finishing my Course, the Lord will give me a Crown of Life.—A little before he departed, he signified his great Love to all Friends in general, and said, My Love is to all my Friends, and Old Acquaintance. A friend observing his Exercise, said, Thou hast hard Labour: He said, The Lord will visit me in his Mercy, and give me an easier Passage in his own time, upon his Body. And so he had, and he enter'd into Illness, lay the Space of an Hour, and quietly and peaceably leave sparred, as a Lamb going into the fold, he said,

rest, about the 12th Hour at Night,  
the 7th of the 8th Month, 1705.

Aged about 70 Years.

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*John Lacy, an Ancient Professor  
of the Holy Truth, was Born in  
the Parish of Issey, in the County of  
Cornwall, in the Year, 1626. and came  
to London in the Year, 1648. He was  
of a sober Conversation, and Religi-  
ously inclined, and followed those  
that were esteemed the most Religi-  
ous Preachers at that time. And a  
bout the Year, 1654. was by the Spi-  
rit of Christ, and the powerful Preach-  
ing of that Eminent Servant of the  
Lord, Edward Burrows, Convinced of  
the Professed Truth, as it is professed by  
the People called Quakers, at a Meet-  
ing held at the House of Sarah Mar-  
tin, in New-cross-Street, London, in  
the Year, 1654. And in the Year  
1660. he began to bear a Pub-  
lick Testimony for Truth, and again  
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Superfluity : And being by Trade a Taylor, would not meddle with it, nor suffer his Servants to put on, or to sell Apparel, (to set it off) any Superfluities, as Lace and Ribbons.

He also was concerned to converse with other Friends, the severer Sufferers in his time, for Suffering Truth, or the Anointing in their stations, and then they may exert themselves, and be made Serviceable.

And in the Year, 1705, the 74th Year of his Age ; being weak, he said, He had done the Work of his Day faithfully, and was fast down in the Will of God, and there was no Cloud in his Mind. And the Night before he departed, he gave Counsel to them that were in the Room, to Fear the Lord, and not to do Evil, for Evil ; but to do Good, for Good : For there is (said he) no becoming of Evil, but in and by that which is Good. Exhorting much to Love and Tenderneſſes, ſaying, The Lord will bless ſuch that were found therein. A few Hours before his Departure, he

said, That there was no Condemnation  
to them that were in Christ Jesus, for,  
said he, He is the Lifter up of my Head,  
he is my Strength, and great Salvation.

He departed this Life, the 15th of  
the 9th Month, 1705. and was bur-  
ried in Friends Burying-Ground, at  
Kingston upon Thames.

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**W**illiam Stovey, late of Helperston-  
Marsh near Trowbridge in the  
County of Wilts, was born at Aberry  
in the said County. He received  
Truth (as it is professed by the Peo-  
ple called Quakers) upon its first Pub-  
lication in those Parts, and was a  
very Zealous Encourager of Faithful-  
ness among Friends. He also receiv'd a  
Gift of the Ministry, and was often  
very much concerned in his Travels,  
that Truth's Testimony might be  
kept up in its several Branches, and  
particularly against the Antichristian  
Oppression of Truths, &c. For bear-  
ing which Testimony, as well as  
keeping up of Meetings, he was a  
great

great Sufferer ; being cast into several Prisons, and had his Cattle, and other Goods, several times taken from him, even to the Bed he lay on, and almost all that was thought worth removing. His last Sickness was not very great in Appearance, nor long, yet he signified he should never go forth of his Chamber, and said, *Lord, and do forgive all my Enemies.* He was very Cheerful in the time of his Illness, and more than ordinary glad of Friends Company, that came to see him, and said, he was Satisfied and willing, when the Lord pleased, to leave this World, in Expectation of a far greater Happiness in that which is to come.

So he departed this Life, the 7th of the 11th Month, 1705. and was Buried at Chumbers<sup>H</sup>, in the said County.

**E**lizabeth Dickinson, Widow, was convinced in her Husband's Lifetime; that her Husband was concerned therein, and she met with great Excr-

Exercise; yet was made willing to give up, to answer the Requirings of Truth, and in a little time, through the Grace of God bestowed upon her, being faithful unto the Lord, she was made a Publisher of the Everlasting Gospel of Christ Jesus, (well nigh the Truth) in *Abby-holme-Meeting*: And the Lord added to her Days, and the Number of the Church, that she lived not only to see many gathered to the Lord in her time; but many also raised to bear a Publick Testimony for him, (to the gladding of her Heart, in the Thirty Years she lived after she had received the Truth.) She was of a blameless Life and Conversation, living Answerable to the Doctrine of Christ: She loved the Unity of good People, and hated that which was the Cause of the Breach thereof: She was never Tediouſ in her Testimony; she was a Mother in *Israel*, a Terrour to Evil doers, and bore a Faithful Testimony against the Workers of Iniquity: She ruled well her own House; so that her Advice and Counsel took Place

Play with others : She was endowed by the Lord, with Meekness and Wisdom, and was freely given up to serve the Truth with what she had, and the Lord blessed her. She visited Friends in *Northumberland*, *Bishoprick*, *Westmorland*, *Yorkshire*, and  *Lancashire*, where she had good Service from the Lord. And in the Year, 1683, she visited Friends in *Scotland*, and had also good Service, the Lord accompanying her with his Heavenly Power and Presence.

In the time of her Sickness, tho' very sharp, the Lord preserved her in Patience, and she desired Friends, to remember her in their near Approaches to the Lord, and said, Lord I am willing to die; thou that hast made me willing, art able to make me ready: Look down upon thy afflicted Hand-maid, and lay no more upon me, than I am able to bear. And often desired the Lord to be near. Her last Words that can be remembred before the departed, was, Thou Good God of Israel, be near and fasten my Spirit; which it is not

not doubted but he was pleased to do; and received her into Rest with the Righteous, where no Disturbance can come; but Praises Everlasting, are sung to the Lord God and the Lamb for evermore.

She departed this Life, the 8th of the 11th Month, 1705, in the 66th Year of her Age, and was buried at Friends Burying-Place at Allonby, upon the Sea Coast in Cumberland, being accompanied with many Friends and Relations.

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**S**arah Blackhouse of Toeland-Redman, in the County of Lancaster, was Convinced of the Truth, by receiving the Testimony of that Eminent Messenger, and Minister of the Gospel of Christ, George Fox, in the Year, 1653. being in and about the 27th Year of her Age. And within a few Years after, it pleased the Lord to concern her in a Publick Testimony, to the Refreshing and Edifying of his Churches

the People, in which she Faithfully laboured and Travelled, in the Meetings whereunto she belonged, and some other adjacent Meetings? She was Exemplary in her Life and Conversation, and Preached Truth therein, to her Neighbours, and those she was concerned with. And a few Days before she died, her Friends and Relations being by her Bed side, she said, See that in all your Meetings you wait upon the Lord, and be not sleepy; be faithful unto what he hath made known, and revealed unto you: For it need not be said unto you, Know the Lord; You know enough, be faithful to what the Lord hath revealed, for that is the Sum of all Religion. A little after said, I am weak, and in much Pain, I desire to be eased, when the Lord's Pleasure is, through Mercy he hath given me Peace and Rest to my Soul: And then said, Farewell, fare you all well in the Lord, I desire your Growth and Prosperity in the Truth, every one for your Selves. And so in much Peace and Quietness of Mind and Spirit, departed this Life, the

The 20th Day of the 5th Month, 1766.  
At near 80 Years of Age, and a  
Man of Integrity for Truth about 50 Years.

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Olin Tomkins, who Collected the  
III. Volumes of *Dying Sayings*,  
(formerly Printed) Intituled *Pictorial  
Remainders*, was Born about the Year,  
1663. and his Honest Parents were  
in Society with the People called  
*Quakers*.

His Father died when he was very  
Young, after which his Mother took  
Care to have him religiously Educa-  
ted, and the Lord blessed her Care,  
and was graciously pleased in his ten-  
der Years, to incline him to Love and  
serve him: And he was an Obedient  
Son, and assisting to her in her Busi-  
ness, and as he grew in Ycars, con-  
tinued so.

And when his Mother Married a  
Second Husband, he had several more Children  
by this Second Husband. And after  
his Father died, and this Husband was reduc-  
ed to a very low Condition, this his  
Son-

Son of Life was both Fond and Charitable, and had a great Care and Regard to his Children. And from Love and tender Compassion began to be early manifested to his Relations: So did his Love greatly appear to those that Preached the Gospel of Christ, and to the Poor and afflicted in Body and Mind, whom he relieved, visited, and comforted. He also greatly loved and delighted in the Holy Scriptures, and diligently read and searched them. And as he grew in Years, he grew in Grace, and in the Knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. And being faithful unto the Lord, he was pleased to put him into the Ministry, and committed to him the Word of Reconciliation, and made him a skilful Minister, for his time, in the Word of Life: So that he could divide it aright. He was filled with such a holy Zeal for the Name and Truth of God, as was accompanied with Knowledge, and was well acquainted with the Christian Discipline, and careful over it.

it might be maintained, greatly desiring where any Professing Truth, walked not according to it, that they might be admonished and reproyed, and that the Works, and Ways, of those that would not receive either ; but continued Loose and Unfaithful, should be Testified against, that Friends might be clear, and the Church and Sion of God might shine ; for he greatly delighted in her Prosperity, and travelled for her Welfare, and pray'd that the Lord would favour her Dust, and satisfie her Poor with Bread, and comfort all her Mourners.—One asking him how he did, he replied, *Kery weak, but I am willing to die, and leave this troublefom World, if the Lord sees it meet to remove me at this time.* And lying on his Bed very weak, he declared to Friends, then present, very fervently for some time, concerning the Work of the Lord, and the Prosperity of his Epoch in the Earth ; and in particular, that the Lord would have a Glorious Church and People, when all

all the Dross and Chaff, that did yet cleave to them, should be purged out, and blown away ; and that the Lord would remove that which had been the Occasion of any Dis-union among his People, and bring them more and more into Unity, and to be of one Heart and Mind, and that the Work of the Lord should go forward in the Earth, and his Truth prosper over all the Kingdoms of it, and many Nations should be gathered to it. He also said, *I believe the Lord will bless his People, and carry on the Work he hath begun in the Earth.* And it is my Faith, that the time will come, that the Wicked shall be as few, as the Righteous are now : But there is much to be purged out of the Church ; there is much Pride and Superfluity to be done away. Again said, *I have seen great Things since my Sickness ; Things which I think not lawful to be spoken.* Much good Counsel and Advice drop'd from him, in such dry Times, that was not taken down in Writing, which he gave his Friends to his Friends and Relations about him,

him, and often said to his Wife, *My dear, grieve not, thou must not grieve; I want to be where the weary are at rest, and where the Wicked cease from troubling. I want to be Dissolved, that I may be with the Lord Jesus Christ; the Lord will provide for thee and thy Children: He hath said, Let their Widows trust in me, and I will take care of their Fatherless Children.*

When he was asked, If he desired to see his Youngest Child, (he being some Miles distant) he answered, *He is Young, and hath little Knowledge of me, I commit him to the Great God, he will take care of him.* He spake this with more than ordinary Sedateness, adding, *I am not afraid of Death, I have sought the Honour of God in my day, and my Reward is with him, The Lord hath been very good to me in this Sickness, I can say with the Psalmist, He hath made my Bed in my Sickness. I have many sweet seasons from the Lord in the Night when I cannot Sleep: Oh! I enjoy sweet Peace from him. Oh! the Love which Lord Jesus Christ is great to Mankind.*

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The Lord visited me in my tender Years, and I have feared him from my Childhood<sup>18</sup>. I have delighted to wipe the Shoes of those that Preach the Gospel, when I was a Boy: And since I have been a Man, I have taken more delight in serving the Lord, his Church and People, than in getting of Worldly Riches. I love the Poor, and have loved to serve them, and to visit them in their Afflictions. Remember my Love to the Poor in the Quarton where I dwell.

I love the Ministry, I have a valuable Esteem for the Ministers, and pray God Purge and Sanctifie them, that they may go before the Flock. And I pray God bleſſ the Young Generation of Ministers, that are coming up, and make them skilful in the Work, that they may divide the Word aright, that like the Benjaminites of Old, they may shoot an Arrow, [or sling a Stone] to an Hairs Breadth.

He died the 12th of the 7th Month, 1706. Aged about 49 Years.

And

And was decently buried from the Meating House near Devonshire-square, and accompanied by a great Number of Friends, to Bunkhill Burying-Ground, and many living Testimonies were born to the Truth, in which he liv'd and dy'd.

He Collected and wrote the several Books following,

*The Harmony of the Old and New Testament.*

*A Concordance.*

*A Trumpet Sounded.*

*The Great Duty of Prayer.*

*Piety Promoted, 1st 2d and 3d Part.*  
Which are Proofs of his Zeal for  
Truth, his Love to all People,  
and that he was well acquainted with  
the Holy Scriptures.

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**R**obert Huberstie, late of Yelbude-  
Compers, in the County of Lan-  
cashier, was visited with the Day spring  
from on High, and brought to the  
Knowledge of God's Eternal Truth,  
as professed by the People called Qua-  
kers,

kers, about the Year, 1653. which he received, loved, and obeyed, and was often a great sufferer, by Imprisonment, (for his Faithful Testimony to the Truth) and parting of his Goods, for peaceably meeting only to worship Almighty God, in the Spirit of his Son, and according as he requires, and bearing his Testimony faithfully against that Cruel and Antichristian Oppression of Truthes. And after his release out of Prison, he travelled in the Work of the Ministry, the Lord having bestowed a good Gift upon him, and committed to him the Word of Reconciliation; he travelled in the Power of it, for the good of Souls, and visited the Churches of Christ, through most Part of this Nation, exhorting and advising Friends in the Love of God, to feel the Life-giving Presence and Power of the Lord in all their Meetings, that therein they might be refreshed and strengthened to wait upon God, and to worship him in his Eternal Spirit and Truth. And be-

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ing returned, he was taken Sick, and  
 in the time thereof, he had many com-  
 fortable Expressions, saying, I have  
 Peace with God, through Jesus Christ,  
 and Content in his Heavenly Will, to live  
 or die, having sought God's Glory, before  
 my own Interest in this World.— He  
 often advised those present, to be  
 faithful to what God had manifested  
 to them, and to bear a faithful Te-  
 stimony to the Truth. And after a  
 sore Fit of Pain he said, It's good to  
 have the Lord near at such a pinching  
 time as this, and to have nothing to do  
 but to die. And a few Days before  
 he died, he called his Son, and the  
 rest of his Family, and said, He must  
 take his leave of them, and desired them  
 to live in Love and Peace one with an-  
 other, and to love the Truth above all,  
 and to bear a faithful Testimony for God  
 and his Truth whilst on Earth, and the  
 Lord would bless them. And desired  
 that his Love might be remembred  
 unto Faithful Friends, of whom some  
 he mentioned by Name.

— b. A — *about his sickness*

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He bore his Sickness and Pain with much Patience and uttered many Expressions, which were not usual. He was preserved sensible to the last, having been a believer in the Truth about

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|-----------------|-----|---------|
| A Prisoner near | 53. | } Years |
| Aged about      | 71  |         |

He died the 12th, and was buried the 14th of the 8th Month, 1700.

*Here followeth a Testimony of an Ancient Friend and Acquaintance of R. H's.*

Since I have had the Opportunity of Reading the above-written Lines, relating to my dear deceased Friend and Brother, in the nearest and dearest Relation, of our Blessed Truth, who was convinced thereof in the next Year after I was when we were both young in Years and remembering the Glory of that Day of Visitation of the Lord, and the comfortable Fellowship of the

F . . . . . Spirit

• Despite we have since enjoyed together. And also Providence so ordering, that my Lot fell to see him in his Bodily Weakness, and to be comforted, in the beholding that sweet contented Frame of Spirit he lay in; together with the effecting Words, that then draved from him, I felt some Concern upon my Mind, to add in short, as followeth.

• That he was a Man truly fearing God, faithful to the Manifestation of Truth, firm and noble in his Testimony and Sufferings: Therefore, of latter Years, an able, zealous, and laborious Minister of Christ Jesus, concerned for good Order in the Church. Serving the Lord faithfully in his Day, and died the Death of the Righteous, his latter End like theirs, viz. Full of Joy in Righteousness, and Assurances of Eternal Life and Glory, as he intimated to me, in a Divine Sense thereof, very few days before his Departure saying, that he was now in Mind closely given up to the Will of God, and possess

possess'd perfect Peace, patiently waiting  
 for his being deliver'd out of that Pain  
 and Trouble of Body in God's time, do-  
 string to be remembred to all faithful  
 Friends, and desiring me, and one o-  
 ther Friend, to be at his Burial. And  
 the Lord by Providence made way,  
 that I therein answered his desire,  
 it being the Day above-said, in  
 Friends Burying - Place at Kelvedon,  
 where a great Appearance of Friends  
 were, and a great many of the  
 chief and sober Neighbours; yea se-  
 veral that were not Invited, which  
 did demonstrate the good Respect  
 he had amongst all sorts of People.  
 And the Lord was pleased upon that  
 solemn Occasion, to bless us with his  
 Glorious Presence, and to open the  
 Mouths of several of his Servants,  
 in a living Testimony to his Truth,  
 and also to magnifie his Holy and  
 Powerful Name, for his marvelous  
 Salvation, revealed in and through  
 the Lord Jesus Christ our Saviour,  
 to whom, with the Father, belongs

\* Dominion, Glory, and Eternal  
Praise, World without End, Amen.

Oldworth, the 26th of  
the 1st Month, 1707.

Thomas Cam.

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**J**ohn Carlile, of the City of Carlisle, in the County of Cumberland, was Born at Blackwell, three Miles from the City of Carlisle, by Trade a Tanner, was, through the Gracious Visitation of God, Convinced of the Blessed Truth, about the Year, 1673. And by the Ministry of John Graves, much reached and confirmed, by Virtue of the Power of Truth: And he grew and increased in Faithfulness, according to his Measure: And was drawn forth sometimes in a Publick Testimony, and Preached the Gospel, not in the Eloquence of Speech, but very powerful and Reaching, and in Simplicity, and Gravity; altho' Illiterate as to outward Learning; yet in his Doctrine

Doctrine, and Testimony, considerably opened the Scriptures of Truth, by the Assistance of that Holy Spirit that gave them forth, to the Edification of the Hearers, and Confirmation of those Gospel Truths by him preached. He laboured in the Work of the Ministry, in divers Counties, as *Cumberland*, *Westmorland*, *Bishoprick*, and Part of *Lancashire*, as also in *Northumberland*, and in *Scosland*, and several were convinced by his Labours of Love, in the Gospel of Christ in many Places, and remain as Seals of his Ministry. He was open-hearted and zealous for the Testimony of Truth, and in much Love received the Friends of it, that travelled in the same Work, into his House. And as he delighted to draw near to the Well-spring of Life, for Divine Encour and Consolation; he was unmindful often to wait upon the Lord in his Family, unto whom the Lord was pleased to reach, in order to their Convincement of his blessed Truth; and was sometimes opened

to speak a few Words unto them of Information, or Exhortation; and sometimes to supplicate the Lord; and other times in Silence, to wait upon the Lord in his Family, to feel an Increase and Growth in the Virtue of Truth among them. And many are Witnesses of the Benefit and Comfort they received in those his Family-Meetings, that have been at hand: So that although at his first Convincement in the City, and when he came to bear Testimony to the Truth, he was as a Speckled Bird, among the Birds of the Wood, there being none that bore the same Profession in the said City, and was warned against by the bitter Magistrates, and severe Informers, and cruel Prosecutors: Yet such was the Lord's goodness to him, that he was preserved faithful in his Testimony for the Lord, through all; tho' some of Persecutors fell under great Distress and Miserable End others of them fell into great Poverty: So that Prison became their Dwellings, and

and therein they died. <sup>He was al-</sup>  
 ways ready to help forward, and to en-  
 courage every Good Work on Truth's  
 Account, and was much given to  
 Hospitality, and open hearted to the  
 Poor of any Society. He was of a  
 blameless Conversation, just in his  
 Dealings, and of a good Report am-  
 ong all People, and William for  
 Truth and its Testimony unto the  
 Engd. And in his Sickness often ad-  
 horted Friends to be Faithful to the  
 Lord, and his Truth, according to  
 their Measure, saying *Then the Lord*  
*would stand by them, and bring them*  
*through all the Exercises they might undergo*  
*with far the same, and they should have*  
*the Reward of well done; with more*  
*Expressions of the like Nature.*  
 And having some sight of the Glory  
 and Joys of Heaven, that those  
 that are faithful and upright shall  
 enjoy, and that Evidence did  
 himself, of his Soul's Everlasting  
 Peace, he justified his desire of a  
 Change, and that his wife and Children  
 might give him freely up, say-

ing, he would be well, and being sensible, the time of his Departure drew near, said to his Friends and Neighbours present, that a little time would finish and make all things Ease. And in about half an Hour passed away, being the 24<sup>th</sup> of the 12<sup>th</sup> Month, 1706. and died in the Faith of Jesus, and in full Unity with Friends, having born an innocent Testimony for Truth in his Generation, and left a Savour behind him. Aged about 74 Years.

**J**ohn Ellis, was one that the Lord bestowed a Gift in the Ministry upon, that laboured in the Gospel of the Grace of God for the Good of Souls, and freely preached it in the Authority of Divine Life, to the convincing God's Witness in many Hearts.

He was Zealous for God, and tenet of that Good in all; but terrible against the workers of Iniquity. Grave and Reverend in the Exercise of

of his Gift, His Testimony and of His  
proof and Caution ; and in that Meek-  
ness which made the same to be Edifi-  
fying. His Doctrine sound, flowing  
from the living Fountain, and Divine  
Spring of Life and Heavenly Wisdom.

He was a Man of great Kindness,  
Loving, Meek and Humble, a Visitor  
of the Widows and Fatherless in their  
Distress : He Sympathized with  
them ; he fed the Hungry, clothed  
the Naked according to his Ability,  
and laboured greatly in *Dorsetshire,*  
*Hampshire,* *Wiltshire,* and *Devonshire,*  
and other Places, often saying, *His  
Father's Business must not be neglected,*  
*nor done negligently.* And as he was tra-  
velling in the Service of Truth, he  
was taken Sick ten Miles from his  
Habitation. He exhorted that every  
one should keep close to the Truth  
that the Lord had made known to  
them, and said on his Death-bed to  
his Wife, *It is bid from me, respecting*  
*of his Death, but if that is my time, I*  
*am ready, there is nothing so be feared;*  
*my Course, there is a Fountain of Life*

that we were all come to, that runs severally. His Daughter standing by, he said here & there, saying, that she should not mix with any in the World, and that he should not be troubled; For, said he, I have a firm Foundation. And many other sweet Expressions, that could not be distinctly understood; but he concluded, saying, I salute you all, and departed the 31st of the 1st Month, 1707. and was decently Interred in Friends Burying-Ground at Pool, the 4th of the 2d Month following, and several Testimonies were then born unto the Truth on that Occasion.

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**M**ary Scott, Relict of Henry Scott of Hensford, an honest Ancient Friend, that was early Convinced of the Blessed Truth, and retained her Love unto it, and the Friends of it unto Death. Being weak and near her End, fell on her Death-

Death-Bed the 3rd of the 2d Month,  
1797. I have nothing to do but to die,  
if it should be this Night before Morning.

—I have received the Burnt-offering her  
inheritance which shall never fade away.  
R. T. next Day coming to see her,  
ask'd how she did? She said, I am very  
weak, but very well satisfied to die, if any  
time be come; for the Lord is with me,  
and that is a precious Jewel, R. T. said,  
so it is, nothing the World can do will  
take away. R. T. ask'd her, if she had settled her Affairs, She  
reply'd, She had nothing to do but to die.

The 6th of the 2d Month, several  
Friends being come to visit her, She  
said, I take your visit very kindly, This  
I might tell you before I die: I never  
was thus weak before in my Life, yet I have  
nothing laid to my Charge.—The Lord  
hath been with me in my Exercises. Then  
I said to G. W. And thou hast been a dear  
Friend to me.

And on the 7th of the 2d Month,  
about the 8th Hour in the Morning,  
G. W. went to her, (She then appear-  
ing near Death) saying to her, The  
Lord

Lord make thy Passage easy, and give  
thee Rest. And near the 9th Hour the  
same Morning, she quietly departed  
without Sigh or Groan.

Aged about 80 Years, and had, for  
some Years, at certain times, used to  
speak a few weighty and seasonable  
Words in Friends Meetings.

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**F**rances Rutt of Hartford, an An-  
cient True and Serviceable Wo-  
man, unto whom the Lord had given  
a Publick Testimony to bear for the  
Truth, which she had known and  
professed for many Years, and lived  
therein, who was Exemplary in her  
Conversation, and a Lover of her  
Friends and all People. When near  
her End, and Friends stood about her,  
said to them; You must not depend upon  
Words, but upon the pure Spring of Life  
in your own Hearts, and upon the Word  
of the Lord, that endureth for ever.

Thus this faithful Woman, that  
had preached the Word, counseled  
Friends to depend upon it, as that  
which

which is able to quicken and reconcile to God, sanctifie and save the Souls of all that are obedient thereto unto Death, as no doubt the Experience will it.

She departed this Life, the 7th of the 3d Month, 1707.

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**J**ohn Sager of Marsden in the County of Lancaster, was Born the 2d of the 8th Month, 1627. and Convinced of the Truth, about the beginning of the Year, 1653. at a Meeting at Brighouse in Yorkshire, by our Dear and Ancient Friend, George Fox, of whom he always after retained an honourable Esteem.

The said John Sager, was constant and zealous in bearing a faithful Testimony for Truth, and against Tithes, often exhorting Friends to Faithfulness in their Testimony against the same. And he often suffer'd the Spoiling of his Goods, even in those early Days, the first of which was in

in the Year 1655. He also suffered five times Imprisonment, and often under a close Confinement, by reason whereof his tender Wife and Family did go through great Hardships. And when with his Family, was a constant Attender of Week-Day-Meetings, and Meetings for Discipline, and very zealously concerned for the Promotion thereof, being a man given up to do and suffer for the Truth, of which he had received a Measure (or Talent) to improve, and was thereby enabled to bear all his great Sufferings, and other Tryals with much Patience, often saying, he was made willing by the Power of God, to give up his Life as a farther Seal to the Testimony he had born, if the Lord did require it; and often blessed the Lord, that he had accounted him worthy to suffer for his Name sake; desiring the Lord might forgive his Adversaries, what they had done against him. And in his latter Days, the nearer he drew to his Change, (which he long waited for) he was

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the more raised up in a living Testimony in Meetings, in Exhortation to Diligence and Faithfulness in the Gift received, and in praising the Lord for his Mercies bestowed upon him and his People. And in his last Sickness, under the great Weakness and Distempers, which did then attend his Aged Body, he was always cheerful and content, praising the Lord for his merciful Dealings with him. He was visited by many, both Friends and others, and was often raised beyond Expectation, to declare the Truth, Exhorting all to mind the Light of Christ Jesus, wherewith they were enlightened, often saying, all was well with him, he had nothing to do but to die.

The Night before his Departure, several Friends coming to visit him, he said, *I believe the time of my departure is at hand, and I enjoy great Peace and Comfort, and desire the Lord may preserve you, when you come to lie in the Condition I do, and that you may enjoy the same Comfort I do now enjoy.*—continuing fervent in Prayer. And next Morning

Morning, being very sensible unto the Last, departed in great Peace and Quietness, being the 24th of the 5th Month, 1707. Aged 85 Years and 9 Months, a Minister of Christ

In the Year, 1660. He was Imprison'd for not Swearing, and remained a Prisoner in *Lancaster*, Six Weeks.

In the Year 1668. he was Imprisoned again for not Swearing, and was a Prisoner at *Preston* 7 Weeks.

In the Year 1669. Imprisoned for Non-payment of Tythes at *Lancaster*, 4 Years, 6 Weeks.

In the Year 1687. Prisoner on the same Account at *Lancaster*, 1 Year.

In the Year, 1691. Prisoner again about Tythes, at *Lancaster*, 4 Years, 2 Months.

So that in all he was Prisoner near 10 Years.

*Samuel*

**S**amuel Hunt of Nottingham, a Minister of Christ, and a faithful Servant in his Church, that laboured and travelled for the Good of Souls; at London was taken Ill about the 8th Month, 1707. at the House of Thomas Hutton in George-Yard in Lombard Street, and being apprehensive of his Death, said, *I have laboured faithfully in the Service of the Lord: I am not afraid to die, for all will be well with me.* And soon after he took his Bed, he said, *Dear Lord, thou knowest I love thee and thy Truth, and have never thought much to spend, and be spent for thee, and if my time be come to leave this troublous World, I am willing.*

And he said unto Thomas Hutton and his Wife, *Our First acquaintance together was in the Love of God, and in that let us live and abide, and in that shall we part one from another.*

About 12 Hours before his departure, several Friends were visiting him, and although he was very weak in

in Body, and his Distemper very sharp and Strong upon him ; yet he was raised in Spirit, and filled with the Love of Christ, insomuch that he uttered many Sweet Expressions, and precious Sayings, and such a Stream of Excellent Life attended him, that the Hearts of all Friends there present were melted. He was heard to say something of the Man-madd Ministers, but spake so low it could not be farther understood, until he was somewhat more strengthened, and his Voice raised, then he spoke audibly, and said, *Any with this Chaffy Nature, is fit for nothing, but to be driven before the Wind, the sound of the Instrument is but Empty, except the Matter proceed from the pure spring of Immortal Life.* — and then being Silent, and retired in Mind for some time, he broke forth, saying, O Sweet Composure of Mind ! Who is here ? Who is here ? The beloved of my Soul, the chieftest of ten Thousand ! Dear Lord I will not let thee go ! O thy Love is sweet and precious ! O that we may live in thee, and dwell in thee, thou

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pure Ocean and divine Fountain of Eternal Sweetness : who can withhold praising thee, thou living God ! Oh ! we will bless thy Name, Praises, Honour, and Glory, be given to thee, through Jesus Christ, for ever and for evermore.

And when Friends were taking leave of him, he said, Dear Friends, farewell, all is well, all is well, and if we love one another, and love the Lord, and love his Truth, all will be well. And when he had taken leave of his Wife, and several in the Family, and Mr. El. coming in, and his Wife acquainting him thereof, he said, being sensible to the last, Farewell dear Mary, farewell in Christ, we have lived in Love, and in Love we part ; these were his last Words : He departed not long after, being the 3d of the 9th Month, 1707.

But before his Departure, he dictated the following Letter to his Son.

Son

Son Samuel,

' **F**irst, Learn to live in the Love  
 ' and Fear of God, and if thou  
 ' meets with any Disappointment,  
 ' thou may'st apply thy self to him,  
 ' the more freely for Assistance, it be-  
 ' ing thy Father's daily Practice, in  
 ' what Exercises he hath met with in  
 ' this World, and be truly honest,  
 ' both towards God and Man ; al-  
 ' ways labouring in thy own Mind to  
 ' contradict any thing that may be  
 ' otherwise. I recommend this Pra-  
 ' ce, Privately to go into thy  
 ' Chamber twice a Day, to wait up-  
 ' on the Lord for Counsel and In-  
 ' struction in all things.

' And it is thy Father's Desire,  
 ' that thou may'st be Loving and  
 ' Dutiful unto thy Mother, and Lo-  
 ' ving and Kind to thy Wife.

Aged 41 Years.

Nicholas

**N**icholas Gates, late of Alton in Hampshire, Clothier, Son of William Gates of the same Place, was from the time he understood there was a God that made the World, and all things therein, desirous to have the true Knowledge of him; and in his Childhood took great delight in reading the holy Scriptures, and in hearing the best reformed Ministers, and gave himself often to private praying to the Lord unknown, uttering Words before him, until on a time in his Chamber kneeling down by his Bed-side, in order to utter Words, he was Stop'd, and it was said to him in his Heart, as he declared and believed by the Lord, Thou need'st not utter thy Words, for I know thy Heart and Soul's Desire. So remaining kneeling a while, he arose but utter'd no Words.

About the Age of 21 Years, he came to Join with those People in Scorn called *Quakers*, and was rejected

jected by his Father, and became an Alien to his Father's House, and many times threatened to be cast off, yet he loved his Father dearly; and the Lord was more to him than his Father. The Lord fitted him for his Service, and gave him a Gift of the Ministry, and called and sent him forth freely to Preach the Gospel of the Grace of God, and made him an Experimental Witness of the Sufficiency thereof, and therein he laboured earnestly in divers Parts of England, to Invite all to receive and come under its Teachings. And by the Power and Grace of God, was supported under, and carried through all the Trials, and Exercises, Stonings, Stockings, Reproachings, Imprisonments, and spoiling of Goods he met with for the Truth's sake, and his Testimony thereto. He was Religiously Exemplary in his Family, and among all where he travelled, Preached sound Doctrine, lived a holy Life, was just in his Dealing, diligent in his Calling, a zealous Husband, and loving

ving Father, a kind Friend, a good Neighbour, a follower of Peace, enlightened in Hospitality, sought Unity and Laboured to preserve it in the Bond of Peace. And was diligent in attending Meetings, both in the Week and other Days, and in the Service of Quarterly and Monthly Meetings, and in taking Care of the Poor, and was greatly blessed of God. This Servant of Christ, being taken Ill the 10th of the 10th Month, 1707, the first thing (being violently Seizid) he expressed his Care was for the Church, and to have Friends preserved in Unity, saying, he was well satisfied with the Lord's dealing with them; *He hath been a good God unto me all along, and hath let me live to a good old Age, and been my Support from time to time, and is so in this Present Estate.* Another time said, *My Days are nighing apace; but I have lived to see the Goodness of the Lord in the Bond of the Living.* And then expressed his Love to his Wife in a very tender affectionate manner, and prayed to the Lord that he

the world bless and preserve her and his  
Children to the End, desiring they  
might live together in Love, and watch  
over one another therein; and he said,  
~~He~~ did know, that if he had his time  
to live again, that he could die better,  
and leave the Evidence in himself of  
such Dots; yet he laid, If the Lord  
did suffice to restore him, and he could be  
an Instrument to gain more Souls to God,  
he could be glad; for that was his  
great Joy, when he considered how  
he had spent his time in the Lord's  
Service. And this honest zealous  
Old Man, gave good Advice to many  
that came to see him, and for their  
Children, laying a Charge upon such  
Friends that had them, to keep their  
Children to the Plain Language, and so  
bring them up in the Fear and Admonition  
of the Lord; and admonishing his own  
Children to do so by their Children,  
and to ask them Questions for opening  
their Understanding, that they might  
know what God is, and where he is to be  
found, and do thus while they are Young  
and Tender; and said, Observe that Men,  
especially

especially Young Men, did know the Comfort of living a sober Life. A Neighbour coming to visit him, asked him how he did, he replied, Weak, and am going apace out of this troublesome World, to a place where there is neither Sorrow nor Trouble; after this said, Friends were formerly known by their fewness of Words, and keeping to their Words in their Dealings; so he very often desired Friends to keep to Plainness, both in Habit and Speech, warning his Daughter Deborah present, and his Wife to watch over her Children, to keep them out of Pride, saying, There is scarce a worse Weed than Pride: And a while before he died, said, The Door of Entrance is open into the Kingdom, into which it's not doubted but he is enter'd. He departed the 21st of the 10th Mo.

1707.

Aged about 74      }  
Convinc'd about 52      }

And was Honourably buried, on the 24th, in Friends Burying-Ground at Alton, after a very Solemn Meet-

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in company of many Friends and others, and  
had a Wife 21 Children and Grand-  
children.

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Mrs. Moore, late Wife of John  
Moore, of Elsdorlth in the  
County of York, Daughter of Thomas  
Gamm, was seiz'd with Sicknes,  
which continued upon her about three  
Moaths, which she bore with much  
Patience, often saying, She was well  
content with the Will of God. And her  
dear Father being then from Home,  
in the Service of Truth, her Husband  
divers times asked her, If he might not  
write to her Father, to acquaint him with  
her Weakness, and to desire his return  
Home; she answered, She should be  
very Glad to see him, but she would not  
have his Service hindred upon her Account,  
telling when that was over, he might re-  
turn in due time to see her. And ac-  
cordingly upon the 30th of the 6th  
Month, 1707. he got to Elsdorlth,  
and found his Daughter very weak;  
but the Surprise of Joy to see him,  
had

had like to overwhelm'd her Spirits, that for a time she could not speak to him ; but in a little time got over it, and expressed her great Joy and Satisfaction to see him, saying. Now the Lord hath answer'd my Prayer, and now I leave all to his wise Dispensing, whether Life or Death. So she continued pretty easie, still, and resigned ; and about a Week after she grew worse, but said to her Father, I am resigned to the Will of God, and gathered up of Care, touching visible things ; only some Fear is upon my Mind touching my eldest Son, That it would prove to his harm, to be Schooled where he then was ; therefore desired he might be removed to some good Place, and School ; which was promised her should be done, speedily as well could be ; at which she seemed content and easie. And often signified her Resignedness to the Will of God, praying to be endued with Patience to the end of her Race. And the Lord was pleased to Hear and Answer. And she bore all her long Exercise, with great Patience.

And on the 12th of the 7th Month,  
she much weakned, she was opened  
and strengthned to speak very strong-  
ly, which was writ down; viz.

‘ Oh! what a Blessing have I en-  
joyed in this my Quarter of a Year’s  
Weakness, it has been the Best, and  
most Sweet, Pleasant, and Profitable  
time of all my Life: I have seen the  
End of all Worldly Enjoyments:  
And although I have a kind Father,  
Loving Husband, and Dear  
Babes; yet I can freely; yea,  
heartily, with all my Heart, leave  
all to be with Christ my Redeemer,  
my Saviour, and the beloved of my  
Soul: Oh! he hath been near me;  
yea, with me Day and Night; he  
has so drawn me, and won upon me,  
with the Cords of his Love, taking  
me by the Hand, and opening his  
Arms to receive me into his Bosom,  
that I am overcome with his Love,  
and very gently has his Hand been  
upon me; and he hath blessed me  
with great Content and Patience;  
I am freely resigned up unto the

will

' Will of my God : And as for my  
 ' Poor Babes, I commit them to the  
 ' Lord that gave me them ; they  
 ' have also two good Fathers, that  
 ' will take Care for them, where I  
 ' can leave them freely ; only I desire  
 ' thee, Father, to take Care of John's  
 ' Schooling, and Education, and get  
 ' him to *Apprentice* to some good  
 ' Friend at *Bristol*, or elsewhere, as  
 ' thou see'st fit. All my Care I have  
 ' cast upon God, and upon thee, my  
 ' Father, and my Husband ; so that  
 ' I am easie, blessed be the Lord for  
 ' this good and precious Time, where-  
 ' in I am freely devoted to his Will,  
 ' and right glad to leave this trouble-  
 ' som World, having the Earnest of  
 ' that Eternal Glorious Redemption,  
 ' through my blessed Lord and Sa-  
 ' our Jefus Christ.

Then calling her Children One by  
 One, charged them, saying, *Fear God,*  
*dwell in Love one with another,* and be-  
*sure also your Father ;* then Blessing  
 them, particularly in the Name of  
 the Lord, and committing them all

gave him; when she parted with her Youngest Babe, she kissed her, and said, *They tell me, That thou poor Lamb, wilt have the greatest Loss of me; yet as I have cast all my Care for you upon the Lord, I am easie, and leave you to his Protection, and Divine Providence, who giveth you all to me, who never fails those that trust in him, being a tender Father, both to the Fatherless and Motherless Children.*

And to her eldest Son John, she further added, ‘I have been a tender Mother to you, and now must leave you; and therefore dear Child, observe the Counsel and Advice of thy dying Mother, write them down, and Imprint them in thy Mind; First, I Charge thee to Fear and Remember God thy Creator, in the Days of thy Youth; Refrain all Evil Company; be sober and attentive to all Good Counsel; let not thy Mind go roving after Foolish Toys, and do nothing but what is Good and Commendable; and then thou wilt not need to make any Excuse, or

or Eye; for a lying Tongue,  
 Abomination to the Lord : Now,  
 and Remember what Wise Solomon  
 faith will be the Portion of such  
 as despise, or neglect the good Coun-  
 sel of Father, or Mother, and there-  
 by do Evil in breaking Gods Com-  
 mand, to their Father and Mo-  
 ther :: Oh ! dear Child, consider of  
 these Things, and be Wise : God  
 Almighty blest thee, and you all,  
 and preserve you out of all Evil ;  
 this is the one great Thing that I  
 desire for you; not to be great in  
 the World, which hurts many ;  
 but to be great in Virtue, and God-  
 liness, which has the Promise, both  
 of this World, and that which is to  
 come.

Then she lay still some little time,  
 desiring all might leave the Room,  
 except Anna, (her Husband's Eldest  
 Daughter) betwixt whom there had  
 been a great Endearedness, and strong  
 Bond of Love ; after some time her  
 Father Thomas Famm coming into the  
 Room again, and hearing her, and

Her Daughter Anna in Discourse, fate  
drew out of her sight, and heard her  
say to Anna, That she left her as a Mo-  
ther to her Motherless Children ; bid-  
ding her to Mind how she, and her  
two Young Sisters, by Providence fell  
under her Care, when very Young, and  
how she had Faithfully discharged her  
Trust, in tender Care over them, and  
she desired no better for hers, than she  
had done for them, when they could not  
do for themselves : Anna then tenderly  
telling her Mother, She hoped that they  
(viz. her Children) should want nothing  
that was in her Power to do for them, she  
being sensible of the strong Obligation of  
Duty she was under, and so they left  
things.—After some time, she said,  
*What a Comfort and Joy it is, to be so  
near the End of this Troublesome World.*

She was always very Glad of  
Friends Company in Visits, and little  
Meetings, which at several times  
she kept in her Chamber, which, she  
said, were to her great Refreshment ;  
the last of which was the Evening be-  
fore she died ; after which, she said,

*This*

This is like to be the last. And next Morning said, This Night, and a little Part of next Day will finish here. And that Night had very sharp Pangs, hard for her dear Father and others to hear, so that he left the Room once or twice, but could not stay easily in or out; and an Exercise (or Concern) came upon his Spirit, to Pray to the Lord for her; and the Lord was pleased to hear the Supplication that was put up; so that she had no more such sharp Pangs; and finished her Course here, on the 15th of the 7th Month, 1707. And it's not doubted, but she is at rest with the Lord.

She was decently Interr'd in her Husband's Burying-Place at *Eldworth*, on the 17th of the same Month, being her Birth-Day, and also her Marriage-Day, which, had she lived to that Day, her Age would have been 38 Years.

The Loss of her was greatly lamented, not only by her Relations, and nearest Friends, but Neighbours, both Poor and Rich, her loving, In-

woman and wife Conduct and De-  
portment, having gained her great  
Respect amongst Persons of all Sorts  
that knew her. Oh! that many in  
observing and following her Pious  
Example, may be stirred up more  
and more to seek after Vertue and  
Godliness, and thereby purchase to  
themselves a Good Name, as she has  
done, through Love and Obedience  
to the Lord Jesus Christ, is the chief  
Design in Publishing these Lines.

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**T**homas Camm, late of *Camsgill*,  
in the County of *Westmorland*,  
was Born in the Year, 1641. of ho-  
nest, religious, and godly Parents,  
and well Educated, and from his  
Childhood, was inclined to be Reli-  
gious, and sought after the best  
Things, delighted in the Company  
of the best, or most Religious Sort of  
People; and in his tender Years, the  
Lord was pleased to visit him with  
the Light of the Day springing from  
on high, and thereby Convinc'd him  
of

of his Blessings and unchangeable Truth ; even in the Morning of his Day , to these latter Ages of the World ; and after some time called him forth into the Work of the Ministry , for which the world fitted him . And being thus visited and called of God , he consented nothing too near or dear to part with for Truth's sake ; but left all to follow the Lord , and with his whole Strength and Substance was given up to serve him , and faithfully to do the Work he was called to . And the Lord who had called him to such a great and glorious Work , as to *Preach the Ever-lasting Gospel* , did fully Qualifie him for the same , pouring forth upon him of his Holy Spirit , and endued him with Divine Wisdom , whereby he was made an able Preacher of the Word of Life to many , and caused divide it aright ; according to the States of the People .

And as he was thus called and qualifiied , so he was Diligent and Laborous in the Work of the Lord , in many

many Facts of this Nation, and was  
made Instrumental to Convince and  
Establish many in the Way of Truth ;  
his Doctrine was sound, and his De-  
livery excellent ; and tho' his Testi-  
mony was not with the Enticing  
Words of Mens Wisdom ; yet it was  
in the Demonstration of that Divine  
Power, which reached the Witness  
of God in the Hearts of the Hearers.

Great and many were the Suffer-  
ings he met with, and very Patient-  
ly bore, and went through, of many  
Sorts and Kinds, as Imprisonments,  
Spoiling of Goods, Mockings and  
Scourings, from those without, and  
Suffering among false Brethren. In  
all which he stood firm, and Faithful  
in his Testimony for Truth, approv-  
ing himself a true Follower of Jesus  
Christ, suffering Joyfully for his Name  
sake, who had counted him worthy,  
not only to Believe, but to Suffer  
for him. And as he was a Man  
wonderfully Endued with Heavenly  
and Divine Wisdom ; so he was a  
Man of great Humility, very much

Labour-

Labouring for Love and Unity amonst Brethren, and where any thing appeared, tending to a Breach of it, he always used his utmost Endeavours to put a stop thereto, proving himself to be a Man of Peace, and always Labour'd for it, both in the Church, and also amongst all Sorts of People. He was a Man beloved of God, and by all Good Men who knew him. He was a *Murasing-Father* to many, encouraging every thing that was Good in the least Child; but very Zealous against every Appearance of Evil; especially against that which in any wise tended to the laying wast of that Testimony, which the Lord required his People to bear, being zealously Concerned to keep his Testimony clear in every Branch of it: And as he was a Man well Qualified for Discipline; so he laboured very much to promote it, for the Encouragement of them that were weak, and to bring to Judgment those that were loose, and would let their Testimony fall, he was very zealous against that Antichristian Yoke of

*Ephes,*

He had thought he suffer'd very much in his Account; yet he stood  
Reinforced at the left, and enjoyed in  
his Staffings, and what, and all other  
Accomplishments sake.

And now in the latter Part of  
his Time, he was attainted with much  
Body Weakness, which through the  
unreard Labour, Travels, and  
Sufferings was come upon him; yet  
such was his Zeal for Truth, and  
Love for the Friends of it, that he  
was willing to spend his Time and  
Strength for and in the Service of  
Truth, which he faithfully perform-  
ed, to the Comfort and Edification  
of the Church of Christ.

On the 27th of the 11th Month,  
1702. having been in the Love of  
God to visit several Meetings in the  
open End of Lancashire, Westmorland,  
and the West of Yorkshire, he return'd  
to his Son John Moor's at Elsdonib,  
and that very Day it pleased the  
Lord, by a gentle Hand (as he phras'd  
it) to bring his Old Distemper of  
Stone and Gravel upon him; but af-

ter some few Days grew more violent and hard upon him, he bore it with much Patience, and continued in a weakly distemp'red State of Body for five or six Weeks, eating but very little Natural Food, nor getting much Sleep or Rest at Nights; yet could walk up and down his Chamber, and was always pretty cheerful, and freely resigned unto the Will of God, often saying, *I neither desire to live, nor to die; but am well content, however it shall please the Lord to order it;* futher saying, *If the Lord see meet, he has yet any farther Service for me to do, it's easie with him to rouse me up again; but his Will be done, I am very well content, I bless the Lord.*

Near the Conclusion of his Days, he said, *I have great Peace and Satisfaction, in that I have done the Will of God, I do not know I have much more to do, the time of my Departure seems to draw nigh; but I am well satisfied, I bless the Lord, I can say with the Apostle, I have fought a good Fight, I have finished my Course, I have kept the*

The World and the Righteous suffer'd very  
much against Account; yet he stood  
Bravely in the Left, and enjoyed in  
his Sufferings much Joy, and all other  
Accomplishments of the Sake.

And though in the latter Part of  
his Time, he was attir'd with much  
Body Weakness, which through the  
unconstant Labours, Travels, and  
Sufferings was come upon him; yet  
such was his Zeal for Truth, and  
Love for the Friends of it, that he  
was willing to spend his Time and  
Strength for and in the Service of  
Truth, which he faithfully perform'd  
in the Comfort and Edification  
of the Church of Christ.

On the 37th of the 11th Month,  
1702. having been in the Love of  
God to visit several Meetings in the  
Upper End of Lancashire, Westmorland,  
and the West of Yorkshire, he return'd  
to his Son John Moor's at Eldonworth,  
and that very Day it pleased the  
Lord, by a gentle Hand (as he phras'd  
it) to bring his Old Distemper of  
Stone and Gravel upon him; but after

ter some few Days grew more violent and hard upon him, he bore it with much Patience, and contynued in a weakly diffis'ld state of Body for five or six Weeks, having but very little Natural Strength, nor getting much Sleep or Rest at Nights; yet could walk up and down his Chamber, and was always pretty Cheerful, and freely resigned unto the Will of God, often saying, *I neither desire to live, nor to die; but am well content, whatever it shall please the Lord to ordain;* further saying, *If the Lord see me, he have yet any farther Service for me to do, it's easie with him to raise me up again; but his Will be done, I am very well content, I bless the Lord.*

Near the Conclusion of his Days, he said, *I have great Peace and Satisfaction, in that I have done the Will of God, I do not know I have much more to do, the time of my Departure is drawning nigh; but I am well satisfied, I bless the Lord, I can say with the Apostle, I have fought a good Fight, I have finished my Course, I have kept the*

the Faith, henceforth there is laid up  
for me a Crown of Righteousness,  
which the Lord, the Righteous Judge  
shall give me at that Day, and not  
to me only, but to them also that  
love him, & are willing.

One Day, he being sitting alone in  
his Chamber, his Son John Moore  
came and sat down by him, and ask'd  
him how he did, he answered, I am  
but weakly of Body, but strong in the In-  
ner Man, blessed be the Lord, who hath  
been my Support and Strength hitherto.  
and he then farther said, I have been  
wondering in my Mind, and meditating  
of the wonderful and unspeakable Mercies  
and loving Kindnesses of God, to me ex-  
tended all my Life long, even to this very  
Day; that I, such a poor weak feeble  
Creature, should be enabled to hold out,  
and go through those many Tryals, Tra-  
gical Sufferings, and Exercises both In-  
ward and Outward, of various Kinds,  
that hath fallen to my Lot, it has indeed  
been the Lord's Doing, Who is and has  
been all along, my Buckler and my Shield,  
he shall have the Praise and the Glory of  
all,

all, for he alone is master of it, for ever and for evermore.

His Distumper continuing, and his Bodily Strength growing weaker, so that there was little likelihood of his Recovery. He gave very plain and distinct Directions concerning his Burial, as one not much concerned at his approaching Departure.

And being grown so weak he could not well go alone, without some little Support, one Evening as he was walking over his Chamber Floor, leaning upon his Son J. Moore's Arm, his Legs trembled under him, which he observing, said, Dear John, when the Pillars of the House begin to Tremble, there's feeble Work; but how blessed are they, who when this Earthly Tabernacle is ready to be Dissolved, do assuredly know that they have a Habitation Eternal in the Heavens, whose Builder and Maker the Lord is, of which, for my part I bless the Lord I am well satisfied.

About a Week before he died, several of John Moore's Children being in the Room with him, he said to them,

them, Now I wish I might leave you, if the Lord had seen meet to have spared me a little longer. I might have been of Service to you in my self and Advice; but the Lord has given me good and wise Counsel, for me to go. Turn your Eye unto him above all others, he will not be wanting to you in himself; I love you Intirely, and the Blessing of the Almighty rest upon you, by his holy Will.

He several times spoke concerning his own time he said, Esau's Adount was in Part consumed, and consuming; yet there were Branches still remained; and said, The Lord lay it waste more and more. —

Another time he said, Faith and  
Pietie, Hope and Charity, are Ex-  
cellency Virtues, the Lord if it be his Will,  
value his Children and People more and  
more therewith.

When he was grown so very weak,  
the getting his Cloaths on and  
off was somewhat difficult, and trou-  
blesome, he one time said to them a-  
round him, Dear Children, you have a  
great

great deal of trouble and Exercise about me, the Lord be your Reward; but you shall see a little time will put an End to all those Troubles, and a little End will be for me, I doubt not but

Another time, being near Ellys before he died, J. M's Daughter Daughter standing by him, he took her by the Hand, and said, Dear Anna, the Lord will reward thee for thy Care and Pains about me, and seeing her affected with Sorrow, (as well he might for the approaching Loss of so near and dear a Friend) he farther added, Death will not be said nay; but it will be well with me, the Enemy cannot touch me, the Lord that hath been with me, and hath born up my Spirit through all the various Exercises and trials of my time, he will be with me to the End; there is no doubt of it.

One time being lying upon his bed in a sweet and heavenly frame of Mind and Spirit, he said, I have given the Lord in Sincerity, with all my Heart, and with all my Soul, and with all my

my.

*my Strength, Hallelujah, Hallelujah,  
Hallelujah.*

And so went on, Praising and Magnifying the Lord, to the melting and tendering of the hearts of all present. After which he said to John Moore, and some others being with him, *Bear me Record, I die in Perfect Unity with the Brethren; my Love is as firm and true as ever, in Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Author of our Salvation.*

When grown very weak, being asked how he did, he would say, *Weak of Body, but strong in the Lord;* saying also, *In Abraham's Bosom there's sweet Repose.*—He divers times spoke of the Efficacy and Virtue of the Wine of the Kingdom, and about two Days before he died, he seemed to be faint, and J. Moore gave him a little Wine to sup on, thinking it might refresh him, but his Stomach did not bear it; then looking pretty cheerfully at J. Moore, said, *Dear Friend, thou see'st these things will not do, one Cup of New Wine in the Heavenly Kingdom, with my dear and blessed Lord and*

and Saviour Jesus Christ will make up all.

Now his Strength decaying very fast, he for the most part lay very still and quiet, as one waiting for his Dissolution, not saying much, nay less when spoken to, and then would answer very sensibly to what he was ask'd.

And on that Day he died, he was desirous to be helped up out of his Bed, but seeing how very weak he was, he was put off for some time; but he still urged it; J. Moore told him, he doubted he was so weak he could scarce bear it without fainting; but those with him told him they were willing to help him the best they could, to which he reply'd very cheerfully, *That's enough, I hope the Lord, that has been my help in many Straits and Difficulties, will also now help me:* his Cloaths were got ready, and by degrees got most of them on; but before they had quite done, he was likely to faint; so they set him down on the Bed-side, and supported him a little,

little, and after a while he somewhat revived, and looking about him, he saw S. M's Youngest Child, being between two and three Years Old, standing before him a little way off, and intencionall with his Hand, that she might come to him; and with a little help he set her upon his Knees, and affectionately Kissing and Imbracing her, he said, *God Almighty bless thee, the God of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Jacob bless thee, and make thee Happy, if it be his Will.*-- Then after a little time they got his Cloaths something better on, and set him in his Chair, where he sate a pretty while; then growing weary, he desired to lie down upon his Bed, which he did, and after a little time, he was perceiv'd to weaken very fast; so he lay still and quiet, not saying any thing that could be heard or perceived; but drawing his Breath sometimes quicker, and sometimes slower, (yet without the least Disturbance, or stoppage of Phlegm) he continued so for the space of about Six

Six Hours, then stretching himself forth upon his Bed, he departed this Life without Sigh or Groan, and so falling into a deep Sleep, on the 13th Day of the 1st Month, betwixt the Hours of Nine and Twelve in the Night, being Aged 66 Years 9 Months and 10 Days.

Thus he having fought the good Fight, and finished his Course well, he laid down his Head in Peace with the Lord, and is freed from all Sufferings, Sorrows and Afflictions here, and Enter'd no Doubt into the Kingdom of Eternal Glory, for ever to live and magnifie and praise the Great God World without End. And on the 15th of the same Month, his Body was removed from ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~dwelling~~ <sup>dwelling</sup> in *Yorkshire* where he died, to his own late Dwelling - House at *Campsall* in *Westmorland*, and on the 16th of the same Month, was carried in a Solemn Manner to Friends Burying-Place at *Parkend* in *Preston-Pawick*, (being about half a Mile from *Campsall*) and it was accompanied thither by several Hundred

Hundred of People, ( both of the Neighbourhood, and also many from divers of the Adjacent Countries) and was there Interred in a decent Christian Manner, the whole having a general Appearance of Sorrow in the present, for the Loss of so good and serviceable a man. The Corps being interred, all or most that were there, drew into the Meeting House, and had a precious Edifying Session together; the Powerful Living Presence of the Word, in an Eminent Manner, overshadowing the Assembly, to the edifying and affecting many Hearts. And divers Living Testimonies were then born, to the Sufficiency of that Universal Principle of Divine Light and Grace, which is given to be a Teacher and a Leader unto all Mankind, and is become the Teacher and Leader of all those that are willing to be taught and led by it: But it is, and will be the Condemnation of all those that are Disobedient to, and Rebels against it, whilst they continue

tinue in that State. Also divers Testimonies were born, concerning this our Dear Friend deceased, as to his Faithfulness, Care, and Labour of Love in serving of God's Heritage; as also with respect to the many Trials, Travels, and deep Exercises, that he had faithfully gone through in his Day and Time upon Truth's Account, all which he was enabled to perform and go through, by the Power and Assistance of that Divine Grace, and holy Spirit of God, (which he still accounted his Buckler and his Shield, his Bow and his Battle Axe) and by and through which, he was what he was, and to which alone, and not to him (as Man) the Praise and Glory of all was attributed; so Friends having cleared themselves of what was upon their Minds, the Meeting broke up, and Friends Parted with Hearts deeply affected, and filled with the Love and Goodness of God, which had been plentifully shed abroad amongst them that Day, Praises, Honour, and

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Glory

'Glory over all, be given unto God,  
and to the Lamb, who sits with him  
upon the Throne, who is Worthy  
for Ever, and for Evermore, Amen.

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**R**ichard Davis of Cluddiecockion in Montgomeryshire, by Trade a Felt-maker, was Convinced of the blessed Truth, about the Year, 1657. and became Faithful unto the Lord, through the Power of it, and thereby was made a Minister of the Word of Life, and was concerned freely to Preach the Gospel of Salvation, and was endued with Spiritual Gifts, and serviceable in the Exercise thereof in the Churches of Christ, both with respect to his Sound Doctrine, and Exemplary Conversation, and diligence to serve the Widow and Fatherless, and was fervent in Prayer: His last Sicknes<sup>s</sup> was but short, for he was taken Ill on the sixth Day, of the Week, and died on the first day of the next following, and some Friends of Dolobran-Meeting came to him,

him, and they had a Meeting with him in his Bed Chamber, and he desired them to pray to the Lord, that he might have an easie Passage, saying, *The fervent Prayer of the Righteous the Lord would have a Regard unto.* But his Pain continuing upon him, the next Day, being the 22d of the 1st Month, 1708. about the 9th Hour in the Morning, he departed this Life, and had an easie Passage, as it were in a Sleep, having often said, *he must sleep his long Sleep.* And his Body, on the 25th of the same Month, was accompanied with a considerable Number of Friends, and other People, to the Burying-Place near his own House at Claddiecockion, and there Decently Interr'd, and no doubt but his Soul is at rest with the Lord.

Aged 73      }  
A Minister about 45      } Years

*See the Account of his Convincement, &c.*

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**S**arah Godfry, Wife of Benjamin Godfry, of Chipin near Buntingford in the County of Hartford, Daughter of George and Sarah Robins of Sandon in the said County, was one that loved Truth in her Young Years, and with a tender Heart did seek the Lord often, both in and out of Meetings, and was very watchful over her Words, lest she should offend the Lord, or give an Evil Example to others: She was obedient to her Parents, and tender to her Brethren and Sisters, and would give them good Advice. And after she was Married, and had Children, she was concerned for them, and desired a Meeting at her House, for the good of her Neighbours, which was had, and at the Conclusion of which, she spake with a loud Voice, and said, *Ever blessed and praised be the Name of the Lord, for this blessed Opportunity;* which much affected the People, knowing her great Weakness, she also

so expressed her Willingness to die, and leave Husband and Children, to go to the Lord; and then she said, *Blessed, praised, honoured, renowned, magnified, and glorified be thy Name, for thou art worthy of all Blessing, Praise, Glory, and Honour, for thou art a merciful God;* and after this manner she lay praising the Lord, for some time. A Neighbour coming in, that was not called a *Quaker*, seeing her in such a Heavenly Frame, spoke with Tears, *She will not leave her fellow behind her, she will reap the Fruit of her Doings, Joy unspeakable, and full of Glory; what a Mercy, adds the Neighbour, it is, the Lord lays no more upon her, than he gives her Patience to bear:* She answered, *The Lord is very good to me, what a great Mercy it is, that I am so willing to die, what a Comfort it is, over it would be, if I was in great Distress.—I feel no Condemnation.*— She desired her Mother, to hold her Hands as she sat in her Chair, *For, said she, I think I am going, and that I feel great Peace;* and her Mother, see-

ing her in such a still comfortable Condition, sate a while very still; and after she said, *Lord, Lord, receive my Soul,* and so departed like a Lamb, in about a Quarter of an Hour.

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**J**ohn Peters, of the Parish of Minver in the County of Cornwall, about the 26th Year of his Age, received the Knowledge of the blessed Truth, and joined in Profession with the People called *Quakers*, and being Zealous and Faithful unto the Lord, he bestowed upon him a Gift, and called him into the Ministry of the Word of Life, in which he diligently was Exercised for many Years, and laboured in the Work of the Gospel of Christ, freely and faithfully to the End of his Days, and was a good Example in his Life and Conversation, and careful so to walk, that the Ministry might not be blamed in any thing by him, being endued with the Spirit of Wisdom and Understanding, and travelled much, not only in the County

County where he lived, but frequently in the South and Western Counties of England, and some Parts of Wales, and as he was well known, he was well received by the

\* See a brief Narrative of his Life and Sufferings, Printed by J. Sowle, London, 1709.

When he (thought) he was near expiring, he got himself rais'd in his Bed, and said,

*It's the Lord's great Mercy, who in the midst of the Pains and Anguish that attend our Bodies, gives us Resignation of Mind to his divine Will. This (said he), may be soon spoken of; but it is sweet to come to the living Experience of it, and God hath Mercifully given me this Resignation, and Quietness of Mind, in which I have Peace, notwithstanding the Weakness and Pains I lie under.*

Then observing some Young People about his Bed, he counselled them to keep low in the Fear of the Lord, not to seek to themselves great Things, nor to post after the Riches of this World; tho' a moderate Care, within the Bounds of

Truth, was allowable; but he spoke against the extending our Desires that way, to the forgetting the Work of Religion; and the Preparation for our latter End; for, said he, a little with God's Blessing will suffice. And sweetly enlarged on the Benefit of his Blessing, and the difference between those, and them Cursed, adding, In my Young Years, I had a belief raised in me, that if I lived in the Fear of God, I, noz mine should never want: And it hath been all along confirmed to me. And said farther, My Heart is full of the Love of God, and the Sting of Death is taken away; adding, It would indeed be sad, at such a season of a languishing Body, to have a Load of Sin on the Soul.

Many other seasonable Counsels he then gave, that are not noted. Another Day, he said to Friends Present, We have cause to be thankful unto God, for making known to us his Truth, saying, I am evidently satisfied, that the Way the Lord hath brought us into, is the Way of Truth. And spoke of the Necessity of Living in Obedience

to it, that it might be a *Cross* to our Wills, and *Bridle* to our Tongues, and a *Stay* to our Minds. He also said, Wait for *Wisdom* and *Direction* from the Lord, to enable to such Services [he requires,] saying, that the Strength of Man's Parts was not sufficient to do the Lord's Work; and counselled, that Love might be the principal Motive in all Publick Concerns, and therein to Rebuke, to Exhort, and to Counsel; and if in those Labours, we meet with cross and peevish Spirited People, that Care might be not to suffer the same Spirit to sway us; but to overcome the Evil with good, saying, I have nothing in Appearance but Death before me; but am well satisfied however the Lord Deals with me; For, said he, I am sound in Mind, through the Lord's Mercy, and have abundance of Ease,— I am not afraid to die, the sting of Death is taken away; for which he praised the Lord, and some of his Relations being desirous he should try another Doctor, he said, Be quiet, be still, if the Lord see meet to lengthen my Days, he can soon heal my

Malady ; if otherwise, I am content ; for, adds he, it's no small Comfort to me, that I did not hearken to the Persuasions of some that would have me go from one Doctor to another, my Confidence is in him, who is the alone Physician of Value.—If the Lord hath any farther Work or Service for me to do, he can heal me ; if not, I have done with this World.

And when near his End, he said to his Wife, (as he had often) Mourn not for me when I am gone, I am waiting for my Change, desiring to be dissolved, Death is not fearful, the String is taken away. He often cried to the Lord, for a Blessing on his Son, whom God had left him of ten Children, and said, I desired before ever God gave me a Child, they might rather be taken off in the Innocency of their Days, than live to dishonour him. So in the Fear and Favour of God, he departed this Life, the 11th of the 7th Month, 1708.

Aged about 63

Convinced about 37

A Minister about 25

} Years.

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He was also Prisoner several Years, for his Testimony against Tythes, and for refusing to Sweat, in Obedience to Christ's Command.

His Body was Interred, the 13th Day of the said 7th Month, in Friends Burying-Ground at *Minver*, being attended thither by a numerous Company of Friends, Relations, and Neighbours, and sundry Testimonies were born after, to the Light, Life, and Virtue, wherewith God had beautified our Friend, while he abode amongit us; as also to the Necessity of Holiness and Obedience, that those that succeed him, might come to die the Death of the Righteous, and that their latter End might be like unto his.

**G**eorge Newland, Son of George and Susannah Newland of the City of Dublin, Cloathier, was an orderly and dutiful Child, and sought the Lord in his young and tender Years; and when he was drawn, or persuaded

perswaded by his School-Fellows to Play, or be Wild, he afterwards would be under such Trouble in himself, that he would Weep and Mourn in the Night Season. And when about 10 Years of Age, desired he might be sent into the Country, and retire from his Companions in the City. So in a while his Parents sent him into *England*, and Boarded him at *Elenor Haydocke*, Widow, near *Santy*, and he went to School unto *Gilbert Thompson* at *Santy* in *Lancashire*.

About the Age of 11 or 12 Years, the Lord concerned him to give Testimony unto the Truth, calling him into the Ministry, in which he was Faithful, and travelled in the Work thereof, and in the Exercise of that Gift the Lord had bestow'd upon him, in the Provinces of *Limster*, *Ulster*, and *Munster*, in *Ireland*; and being endued with a good Understanding, was not rash to utter Words, without the Help or Motion of God's Spirit; so that his Testimony and Ministry

stry was not only Instructing but Edifying ; and being an Innocent Youth, was beloved of faithful Friends, because thereof ; and his Exemplary Conversation, which was according to the Holy Doctrine of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Between the Age of 18 and 19 Years, he was visited with lingering Sickness, and his Mother asked him after some time, whether he thought he should Recover ; to which he then answered, *He did not know, but if it was the Lord's Will he had rather die than live ; but said he durst not desire it ; — adding, also' his time had been short in the World, he had gone through a great deal of Exercise and Training, that none knew but the Lord alone.* Another time he said to his Mother, *I have felt more of the Lord's Love to me since I was Sick, in a wonderful manner, than even before ; I again said, I strove to serve the Lord in my Health, and now I reap the benefit of it, looking forward, and that is a Mercy : And being frequently comforted in Spirit, and*

and filled with the Love of God; he would say, Oh! if the Earnest be so precious, what will the fullness be? And when weak in Body, he was strengthened in Spirit, and enlarged to praise and magnifie the Lord; and he was opened to give good Counsol and Advice to his Brother *Isaac*, taking him by the Hand, Kissing him, saying, I love thee dearely & before thou Bear and serve the Lord, and be Obedient to thy Parents; for tho' thou be Young and Strong now; yet thou knowes not how many days may be: I speak to thee in Love, Remember my dying Words, when I was gone; and then it will be enough in a dying Conversation, to bear the Pain and affliction of Body, without having a troubled Conscience; and therefore Encouraged him to well-doing: And much more was spoken by him, to his Sister *Elizabeth*, whom he called also, and kissed her, and tenderly desired her to Love and服侍 the Lord, and be Dutiful to her Parents; and in like manner to his Sister *Lydia*, saying, He hoped she would be an honest Woman, and said, in my Health when

when I went to Bed, I did meditate and thank upon the Lord, and now in my Sickness I find the benefit thereof: Then tenderly acknowledging the Love and Care of his Parents towards him, said, If I live, I can never make you amends, for your Trouble and Care over me: And a few Days before his Death, said unto his Mother, I love thee dearly; and saluting her, saying, I hope the Lord will reward thee for all thy Trouble and Care over me, and I hope we shall meet shortly where we shall never part again. And some Hours before his Departure, being overcome with the Goodness of God, he was enabled to Praise and Celebrate his Name, saying with Admiration, How good, Lord art thou to me! And I am not worthy of the least of thy Mercies and Favours;— and continued to Praise the Lord in such manner, that all that were in the Room were reached, and affected, and broken by the Power of God that attended him, during that Season, and his Uncle John coming to take leave of him, seeing him in this Condition;

dition ; yet near dying ; said , He would not leave him, till he saw him in his Grave ; altho' he had intended before he go home to his Dwelling, that was in the Country ; for he was tender'd to see him in such a Frame of Mind ; tho' not a frequenter of the Meetings of those called Quakers, but said, He was satisfied (this Youth) was going to his Heavenly Rest. That Night he was earnest with his Mother, to lie down and get some Rest : but after a little while called for her again, and said, My dear Mother, take it patiently, for thou may'st rejoice that I am going, and he desired all to be quiet and still ; and he sent several times, to see what Hour it was by the Clock ; and being sensible of his Change was near, settled his Head to the Pillow, and quietly departed this Life, like an Innocent Lamb, on the 24th of the 8th Month, 1708. about the 2d Hour in the Morning, and was buried the 26th of the same Month, in Friends Burying-Place near Dolphin's

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Barn ; being accompanied to the Grave by many Friends and Neighbours.

Aged near 19

A Minister about 6

7 Years.

And this Testimony was given by his Friends in *Dublin*, concerning him, which I thought meet here to Insert.

' IT pleased the Lord to favour this  
 ' Youth with a gracious Visita-  
 ' tion, even in his Childhood, and  
 ' so to prepare him for his Service,  
 ' whereunto he appointed him, that  
 ' there appeared deep Impression of  
 ' a concerned Mind, for the Good  
 ' and Eternal Well-being of his Soul;  
 ' and as he grew in Years, he appa-  
 ' rently grew in Grace, and in the  
 ' Knowledge of God, and his Son  
 ' the Lord Jesus Christ; so that the  
 ' Lord was pleased to put him into  
 ' the Ministry, which, altho' Young,  
 ' he being sensible of the Appearance  
 ' of the Son of God in his Heart, did  
     deliver

deliver his Testimony with a good  
 Understanding, not being forward  
 or rash to utter Words ; but waited  
 for that, which is the Fountain of  
 all true Ministry ; viz. The help of  
 the Spirit of God, that enables God's  
 Ministers to speak to the Edifying,  
 and Instructing, and Building up of  
 one another in the Love of God ;  
 and this being the Concern of this  
 innocent Youth, made him to be be-  
 loved of Faithful Friends that knew  
 him ; and the more, because his  
*Conversation* agreed with his *Doctrine*.  
 He went abroad sometimes, to visit  
 Friends in this Province of *Limster*,  
 and was also in *Ulster* and *Munster*  
 Provinces, and Friends had gene-  
 rally a Love and Respect for him,  
 and there would commonly be great  
 Meetings where he was, both  
 Friends and others admiring the  
 Lord's Dealings with him, in his  
 tender Years, being but about 12  
 Years Old, when his Mouth was  
 first opened in Meetings, in a Te-  
 stimony for God. We have a great  
 Loss

' Loss of him, he being such a good  
' Example to our Youth, both in that  
' and also in his Conversation ; few  
' few being willing to follow him in  
' that true Nearness of walking with  
' God, as he did ; but love Liberty  
' to the Flesh and Will, that works  
' not the Righteousness of God ; but  
' brings Trouble and Grief on those  
' that are concerned for the well-be-  
' ing of their Immortal Souls, which  
' this Youth was careful to avoid ;  
' whose behaviour was more like a  
' Man of Gray Hairs, (than one not  
' attained to 19 Years) being not de-  
' sirous of long Life in this World, as  
' he used to express sometimes ; but  
' rather that he might do his Days  
' Work, being ready and prepared,  
' when the Lord was pleased to call  
' him hence, to have a Portion and  
' Lot in God's Kingdom, of that Life  
' and Peace that is everlasting. And  
' when he was visited with the Sick-  
' ness, of which he died, which con-  
' tinued on him about a Quarter of a  
' Year, he bore it with much Pa-  
    tience,

tience and Resignation to the Will  
of God, and very Cheerfully ; which  
was comfortable, both to his Pa-  
rents and Friends that visited him,  
in the time of his Illness of Body, to  
behold.

Before his Departure, he was  
concerned to Advise and Counsel  
his Brother and Sister to Fear and  
Love God, and be Dutiful to their Pa-  
rents, &c. And tho' it's our Loss,  
[to have such an one taken from us]  
we believe it's his Gain, to be re-  
moved from where Trouble and  
Temptations attend, to where the  
wicked cease from Troubling, and  
the weary are at Rest.

*From Our Meeting in Dublin, the  
19th of the 2d Month, 1709.*

*Sign'd in behalf of the said Meet-  
ing, by*

**Amos Stratell.**  
**Richard Sealey.**  
**George Rook:**

*Samuel*

**S**amuel Watson, of Night Sowerd in Yorkshire, was early Convinced of the Blessed Truth, as professed by the People called *Quakers*, and being Faithful unto the Lord, was, by his Divine Power and Spirit, fitted for the Ministry of the Word of Life, and called by the Grace of God, to Preach the Gospel of Peace, and to Labour in the Service of God, for the Good of Souls, for many Years, and the Lord was with him, and he was kept in a sweet sense and feeling of the Life and Power of Truth to the End ; tho' in his latter time, he had a long Season of Bodily Weakness ; yet would very often express, not only the Goodness of God to him since the time of his first Convincement ; but also was frequent in giving Religious Advice to those that visited him, saying, *Keep in the pure Fear of God, it is as a Fountain of Life, and that from thence all our Comforts come, and it is that which makes People*

*People Honourable, both in their Youth  
and Old Age.*

He died at Chester, and was Buried there, the 24th of the 9th Month 1708. Aged about 88 Years.

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**J**ohn Boulton, late of Gaunts-Ircot, in the Parish of Almoundsbury in the County of Gloucester, was a Faithful Labourer, and true Minister of the Gospel, who travelled freely to preach the same, and had Eminent Service therein, as many can witness, for a Divine Power attended his Ministry, and many Hearts were tender'd, and brought into true Contrition, and to sit under his Doctrine with Delight, and were greatly Comforted, Refreshed, and Edified. And he was very Serviceable in Monthly and Quarterly-Meetings, and Zealous against the Antichristian Yoke of Tyranny, and esteemed it an Honourable Testimony, and his Faith was, That none would ever Prosper in the Truth, that were Unfaithful therin. He

He was of an Innocent Life, and Exemplary Conversation, of a Peaceable Spirit, and made it his Concern to keep Love, Unity, and Concord, and frequently exhorted therewto; and was an Elder that deserved double Honour, and as a Nursing Father in the Church of Christ, and his Memory is sweet and blessed.

In his last Illness, he often advised Friends to be Faithful to what the Lord had made known unto them, while they had their Health; and said, *The Lord is good to me, it is well with me:* — *The Lord is wonderful good to me:* — Again, *If the Lord's Will is to take me out of this troublesome World, I am very well content: I am in Love and Peace with all Men, all is well; I shall go but a little before you: I have made my Peace with the Lord, his Will be done by me, I am contented, it's well with me.*

These Words he spoke a little before his Death, and growing weak, he desired the Lord to make his Passage out of this Life easy. A Friend then taking leave of him, that was going

going to the Quarterly-Meeting, he said, *The Salutation of my dear Lord, in the Lord Jesus Christ, is to all Friends;* and about an Hour after, he said, *The Lord hath been wonderfully kind to me, in making my Passage easie;* and so in a little time after departed in much Quietness, the 29th of the 9th Month 1709. and was honourably Buried at Hossell, being accompanied with many Friends and Neighbours.

Aged 61 Years.

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**M**argaret Diamon, Wife of Richard Diamon of London, Merchant, was Daughter of Capt. John Groves, late of the Parish of Burmondsey in Surry, Mariner, deceased, and Religiously Educated by her Parents, in the Christian Religion among the People called Quakers, in which she continued to her End. And in the latter Part of her time, was visited with much Sickness, and great Pain; yet retained her Love to the Lord, his Truth and faithful People,

People, and her Faith and Hope in God, as appeared by what she declared, when she said unto her Husband one Morning ; viz. *Ob my dear ! I have had a very wearisom Night, and no Rest ; I have been in a bewildred State ; but the Lord I believe will satisfie my poor Soul, it's that I now wait for.* And after this she desired her Husband to call all their Children, which was done ; unto whom, when come, she said, *Be careful to keep near the Lord, and in Plainness ; that it may not be said to you, If your Mother was alive, she would not suffer you to take this Liberty.* And when she had given them this Charge, and tender Advice, on her dying Bed, worthy to be remembred, and duly observed ; she desired her Husband, to send to her Relations, which he did ; and when they came, she in much Love spake to them ; which, although the Words were not noted down, it's hoped will be remembred by them, and her dying Counsel taken ; which when she had given, she, in much Sweetness, took

her leave of them. And after, said unto her Husband, *The Lord hath been very good to us, I desire we may walk worthy ; for a little time will finish here, and I am contented in the Lord's Will, and hope we shall meet together in Heaven, my dear and tender Husband.* Another time, she said, *The Lord hath often comforted me, and made my Bed, a Bed of Ease unto me ;* and then added, *I have been wrapped up too much in outward Enjoyments, now I am out of them, I have desired the Lord to search me thoroughly, that nothing may remain in me, that is displeasing to him ; my great Care and Desire unto the Lord hath been, that I may hold out unto the End ;* her Husband answered, *The Lord hears thy unfeigned Prayers ;* she reply'd, *If Daniel and Moses stood by me, and said it would be well with me, it would avail nothing, unless I have the Witness in my self ; adding, he that hath been my Support to this Day, I do hope and believe will be with me unto the End ; and then day still : But after she said, Lord I beseech thee, shorten this great Work,*

for

for thy Mercies sake, for thy dear Son my Mediator's sake, if it be thy blessed Will, and support me through the Valey of the Shadow of Death, that my Faith fail not ; but that an Eye of Faith may be kept open to look to thee ; Lord, thou that commandest the Winds and the raging Waves of the Sea to be still, and they obey thee, art able to make this Sick Bed, a Bed of Ease, Lord be with me, I beseech thee ; and then no matter what becomes of this Body, nor what I go through, for there will be an End to that ; but Lord be with me this Night, I beseech thee, for I am a poor weak Creature ; therefore, O Lord I beseech thee, support me, receive me into thy Merciful Arms, and lead me into the Bride Chamber, where I may for ever rest with thee.

Then she took her Husband by the Hand, and earnestly entreated his Heart might be to the Lord, and said, Leave off the Cares of this Life, and seek the Lord above all : So desiring all might be still, she lay down in a sweet State, desiring to be kept Humble at Christ's Feet.

The Day before she was taken Speechless, she told her Husband her Speech would be taken away, saying, For it is the Twelveth Hour, and the Midnight Cry, that the Bride-groom was come; and said, I am satisfied, my Lamp is ready Trimed; and after, farther said, Oh! Jacob's God, and Israel's King, thou art able to do all things, nothing is too hard for thee; Lord grant that my Passage may be quick and short, and rather that my Tongue may cleave to the Roof of my Mouth, than I should speak one Word to dishonour thee Lord: Lord thou knowest what a Night of Sorrow and Exercise this hath been to me; but thou art able to do all things, for if thou speakes the Word it is done. Then she said to her Husband, Oh! have thy Heart to the Lord for me, and speak to them thou knowest to be honest good Friends, to have their Hearts to the Lord for me. And then spake her last Words, viz. Lord, Lord, Lord, thou art Jacob's God, and Israel's King, thou art a shadow of a Mighty Rock, in a weary Land; adding, Oh! Sion, Sion, the City

*City of Saints Solemnity, Beauty, the  
Beauty of Holiness.* Then spoke no  
more, and died some time after, in  
Peace with God it's not doubted, and  
is in his Paradice, for she was a Ver-  
tuous Woman, a good Wife, and  
tender Mother, and Charitable.

She was born the 16th of the 12th-  
Month, 1658. and died the 1st of  
the 10th Month, 1708. Aged about  
50 Years. And was decently Buried  
from the Meeting-House at Horsley-  
down, and her Corps accompanied to  
the Burying-Ground, belonging to  
the same, by her Relations and  
Friends, that loved her, and lamented  
the Loss of her.

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**J**ohn Taylor, was born at Sillath in,  
*Abby-holme*, in the County of  
*Cumberland*, in the Year, 1654. of  
honest Parents, who Educated him  
with the foremost in that Part where  
he lived.

In the Year, 1674. the 20th of his Age, he was convinced of the Blessed Truth, (by the Testimony of *John Graves*) and gladly received the same in the Love of it, and so continued with the People of God, waiting upon the Lord in Silence, the space of three Years, and then it pleased the Lord to open his Mouth, to bear a Testimony to the blessed Truth, in which he was very Serviceable, both among Friends, and others at home, and abroad in *Scotland* also, where he travelled three or four Times; and had good Service in many Parts of this Nation: He bore a faithful Testimony for the Lord; he was Sound in Doctrine, and of a good Understanding in Discipline, whereby he became very Serviceable in Monthly and Quarterly-Meetings; he was a Sincere hearted Man, and his Deportment and Behaviour such, that he had an Influence upon all Sorts of People, for his good Deportment, and meek and quiet Spirit. He met with many Tryals of divers Sorts; and yet was preserved

preserved in a meek and even Temper, and he suffered much upon the Account of Tythes, which he bore with great Patience, and was never known to Murmur.

In the Year, 1708. in the 4th Month, he was visited with Sickness, and then he gave good Advice to many that came to see him, both Friends and others; and being restored to a measure of Health, he visited Friends in Yorkshire, where he had good Service for the Lord, and returned in great Peace, and about a Month after he was taken Sick again, of which he died, and in the time of his Sickness, he was preserved in a sweet Frame of Spirit, and had the Evidence, that he should have a Mansion in the Lord's House, saying, *I feel the Spirit of the Lord coming down upon me, to change me from Mortality to Immortality;* and desired the Lord would make his Passage easy, and he had his desire.

Aged about 54

Convinced 34

A Minister about 31

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Years.

He

He died the 8th of the 1st Month,  
170<sup>3</sup>. and was Buried at *Abby-holme*,  
his Corps being accompanied by ma-  
ny Friends, and others.

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**W**illiam Ellis, of *Airton in Yorkshire*,  
was born the 5th of the 8th  
Month, 1658. and Convinced of the  
living and powerful Truth, the 3d  
Month, 1675. and being Called and  
Qualified by the Lord, to be a Mi-  
nister of the Gospel of Peace and Salva-  
tion; he was faithful to his Call, and  
Laboured and Travelled in the Work  
of the Ministry in this Nation, and  
*Ireland*, also in *Maryland*, *Virginia*,  
*Carolina*, *Pensilvania*, *New England*, and  
other Parts in *America*.

\*See a brief Ac-  
count of him,  
Printed by J.  
Sowle, London.  
1710.

\* A few Days before  
his Departure, he said,  
speaking of his Con-  
viction, it was a  
*Glorious Day to him.*—

*And he had large Tokens, that the Day  
of his Death would be so likewise. And  
many*

many Sweet and Edifying Expressions drop'd from him, in Cheerfulness of Mind, which shewed how ready he was to Imbrace Death.

He died on the 4th of the 4th Month, 1709. Aged near 51 Years. Convinced of Truth about 33. Years.

And was buried at Friends Burying-Ground at *Airton*, and a Large Meeting there was, which was Eminentlly attended with the Presence of the Lord, and several Living Testimonies were there born, to the Comfort and Satisfaction of many.

**W**illiam Barcroft; late of *Bally-Britton*, in *King's County*, in the Kingdom of *Ireland*, Aged 28 Years 5 Days, before his Departure, was in a violent Fit taken Speechless, but his Speech returning again, he expressed himself to his dear Wife and Mother-in-Law, and Friends Present, (being in a heavenly Frame of Mind, and his Pain seeming to them to be

taken away) thus, ‘ I am exceeding glad to see you ; [for] the Lord’s Love and Mercy is exceeding great, and this is beyond my Expectation, that I have Mercy of the Lord to speak to you ;—the Presence of the Lord at such a time as this, makes Afflictions easie to his People,—and it’s an Advantage Friends have in feeling and enjoying the Presence of the Lord ; and said, ‘ I am easie to leave this World, in hopes of a glorious time to come, in the Kingdom of Eternal Peace ; and then desired his Mother-in-Law, ‘ to Remember his dear Love to his Father, Brothers, Sisters, Relations and Friends, and that [as] they had bestowed their Daughter on him , now he would bestow [or commend] her, and his Children to the Lord, and her tender Parents ; and to my Uncle, (said he) who I am sure hath been tender of me ; Then desiring his Wife several Times, to give him up freely to the Lord, that he might be easie ; and said, : Who knoweth but there

'there may be a service in my going  
 'now. I desire thee, (*i.e.* his Wife)  
 'bring up my Children in the Fear of  
 'the Lord, and in Plainness of Habit  
 'and Speech, and in Lowliness, and  
 'whether they have little or much, it  
 'will be well enough; and farther  
 said to her, 'Trust thou in the Lord,  
 'and keep near to Friends, and it  
 'will be well with thee.

His Wife being in a tender, or  
 melted frame of Heart, said, *I do trust*  
*in the Lord, and give thee up to him;*  
 which seemed to give him much Sa-  
 tisfaction: And he called his Brother  
 in-Law *James* to him, and warned  
 him, 'to be of a savory Life, and to  
 'love the Fear of the Lord, and to be  
 'careful to keep out of Pride and  
 'Fright, and out of Bad Company;  
 and added, 'Besure walk low and  
 'humble, and be Obedient to thy  
 'Parents; for I never knew any Dis-  
 'obedient to their Parents, do well;  
 'and besure to tell thy Brother *Jo-*  
*seph*, to walk low and Humble; and  
 'if ever he expects Joy and Comfort,

' to

' to be Obedient to his Mother ; for  
 ' when I at any time did grieve my  
 ' Mother, I was troubled and sorry  
 ' for it, and tell or advise thy Sister  
 ' *Martha* to have a Care of that high  
 ' City, (*i. e. Dublin*) and before to  
 ' keep low and humble ; saying, there  
 ' was great Danger in that City, for  
 ' Youth to be led away from the  
 ' Lord ; but if they did serve the  
 ' Lord Carefully, it would be well  
 ' with them ; and desired a Friend  
 that was present, to tell his Brother  
*Thomas*, ' to be of a sober Life and  
 ' Conversation amongst People, and  
 ' to be a good Example in the Place  
 ' where he lived, and whatever he  
 ' did, he should have an Eye to the  
 ' Lord, and not to be high-minded ;  
 ' but low and humble ; and said,  
 ' From a Child, I always loved the  
 ' pany of Good Honest Friends,  
 ' for which I was always the better ;  
 ' tho' I have had weary Nights and  
 ' Days ; yet through all I had an Eye  
 ' to the Lord ; adding, ' It's a brave  
 ' thing, to have nothing to do but to  
     ' die.

die. And to his Wife, he said,  
 ' My Dear, comfort thy self, in that  
 ' it will be well with me. And he  
 farther said to his Friends that stood  
 by, ' How many precious heavenly  
 ' Meetings have we had ; but (said  
 ' he) it hath been a great Trouble to  
 ' me, to see how dull and sleepy some  
 ' have been, and others unconcerned,  
 ' both Old and Young, in such a glo-  
 rious Day as this is, where the Lord  
 ' hath appeared so eminently amongst  
 ' us ; and many times of late, I  
 ' thought I saw a more glorious Day  
 ' approaching than ever ; then say-  
 ing, ' Oh ! is not this (speaking of  
 the Opportunity he had with his  
 Friends) a precious comfortable thing  
 ' to have this sweet Opportunity, this  
 ' is what my Heart desired ; I care not  
 ' how many Young People were here,  
 ' I should be glad if all the Meeting,  
 ' and several others were here ; add-  
 ing, ' I wish all the High and Lofty  
 ' Ones, would look back and see what  
 ' they were. All which being spo-  
 ken in a good Sense of the Lord's hea-  
     venly

venly Presence, did mightily tender Friends Hearts that stood by, and ended in Prayer and Thanksgiving, to him that lives for ever and ever, *Amen.* And gave ground of hope, that the Lord shewed him Mercy, and called him to Glory and Peace for ever. And when he took his leave of Friends, he said, *I am very easie*; and departed the 5th of the 6th Month, 1709.

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**T**homas Barcraft, Brother to the aforesaid, William Barcraft, was taken Ill of the same Distemper, upon the 15th of the 11th Month following, his Uncle and Aunt Barcraft were sitting by him, and perceiving him to be under Exercise of Mind, for Peace with the Lord, his Uncle enquired of him as to his Condition; and he answered, as followeth, ‘ Sometimes I think I shall recover, and other times I think I shall not; but my desire is, If I recover, to Improve my

my Time.—I find most Ease in sub-  
 mitting my self unto the Will of  
 God.—I never wronged any Body  
 knowingly, nor acted any Gross  
 Thing ; but that which is my great  
 Trouble, is, That I did not live so  
 savory a Life and Conversation, as  
 I should have done ; but gave way  
 to Lightness, that was hurtful to  
 me, which if I live, I hope to warn  
 others of ; and said to his Uncle and  
 Aunt, ‘ When ever you reproved me  
 for such things, I was always glad  
 of it ; but did not take that notice  
 of it, that I now see I ought to have  
 done : That which seemed but lit-  
 tle to me then, now seems a great  
 deal ; but if I should live, and not  
 Improve my Time, it’s best for me  
 to go now, for I am in hopes there  
 is Mercy for me.

He departed this Life, the 18th of  
 the 11th Month, 1709. so that he  
 lay Sick but three Days : Therefore  
 it’s needful for all to Improve the  
 present Time, fear God, and live  
 soberly therein, and to have their  
 Con-

Conversations coupled therewith, and to take heed to Reproof; not give way to Lightness, nor esteem that a little thing; for it behoves Young Men and Women, and all, to be sober, and gird up the Loins of their Minds, and hope to the End.

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**O** Liver Sansom, late of *Abbington*, formerly of *Farrington* in *Berkshire*, was Convinced of the Blessed Truth of God in the Year, 1657. received it in the Love thereof, and was faithful to it, and the Lord was pleased, (having fitted him for his Service, and endued him with Wisdom, Understanding, and sound Judgment) to call him into the Ministry, to Preach and Labour in the Gospel of Christ, and Love of God for the good of Souls; which he did freely in this Nation, and *Ireland*, and was a Valiant Sufferer for the Truth, and the Testimony thereof, against all Swearing and Tythes, and what the Lord raised

raised him up in his Power, to testify against. See the Account thereof, that is in Print, called, *Remarkable Passages of his Life, &c.* Printed by J. Sowle, London. Who when on his Death Bed, a Friend came in Love to see him, said, *We that are Young in Years, shall greatly miss thy Company amongst us,* to which O. S. Reply'd, *By Reason of my Age, it's not likely I should continue long with you; but be you Faithful, as I have been, and you will have the same Reward as I am like to have; and be you Followers of Christ, as you have had me for an Example, for I have been true to what the Lord hath committed to my Charge.*

He was Released, and taken from all his Troubles and Exercises here below, and received by the Lord into his Paradice, the 23d of the 2d Month, 1710. and his Body was honourably Buried at Abbington.

Aged about 74 Years.

*Samuel*

**S**amuel Right, of Wellingborow in Northamptonshire, a faithful and honest Man, that the Lord Called, Qualified, Commissionated, and Sent freely to Preach the Gospel of Life and Salvation by Jesu Christ, was greatly Beloved and very Serviceable in the Country where he lived, and adorned the Doctrine of God our Sa-  
viour, by a Conversation becoming the Gospel; and was of a good Repute amongst his Neighbours. Being vi-  
fited by the Lord with Bodily Weak-  
ness, being at a time somewhat bet-  
ter, was below Stairs, but after a  
while he went up, and when he was  
up, his Wife asked him if he was not  
spent; he said, ' I feel so much Com-  
fort, and so much of the Goodness  
of the Lord, I am come up, that  
thou may'st pertake of the same  
with me; and she said, *She in some  
measure did, tho' under Exercise, because  
of his Weakness;* he said to her often,  
' Do not trouble and grieve for me;  
' for

' for the Lord may raise me up still,  
 ' if he sees it best ; if not be conten-  
 ' ted, and put thy trust in the Lord,  
 ' he can make hard things easier, ad-  
 ' ding, ' Is it not better to part from  
 ' thy Husband in this Condition,  
 ' wherein thou art satisfied it will be  
 ' well with him, than if not ? His  
 Wife Reply'd, *It will be well with thee*  
*I am well satisfied, and that is the greatest*  
*Comfort I have in parting from thee ; but*  
*still my Loss is the greater, to part with*  
*such a good Husband, with whom (if the*  
*Lord saw good) it might be as well ano-*  
*ther time, or some Years hence.* — He an-  
 swered, ' It must not be another time,  
 ' the Lord's time, is the best time.—  
 ' I should be glad to see thee in a Mind  
 ' to submit to the Will of the Lord  
 ' in all things ; for it troubles me to  
 ' see thee so sorrowful. It will not  
 ' be thy Case alone ; altho' I know it  
 ' will be hard for thee to bear. I  
 ' would not have thee cast thy self  
 ' down, for then thou wilt not be  
 ' able to look after me, and I shall  
 ' like no Body so well.

Another

Another time, some Neighbours came to see him, with whom was a great Professor; they asked him how he was, he answered, ' He was troubled with Pain of Body, and Sick besides; they reply'd, *He had been Sick a long time;* he said, ' He never thought the time long, nor tedious, he had so much of the Enjoyment of the Presence of the Lord, and felt so much Comfort, that he never thought the Time long, nor his Afflictions tedious, (saying) he was as sensible as in a time of Health, and his Faith the same as it had been; and his Mind was stay'd upon the Lord, and his Life was in his Hand. He farther said, ' He had not his Work to do; declaring largely his great Satisfaction, how Happy he should be in the World to come; saying, ' He had a tast and earnest of it. Another time, a Friend, with several others visiting him, he was much concerned to exhort Friends to love one another, and to strengthen one another, saying, ' It's well known what

\* what Labour of Love, and Travel  
 \* of Spirit, I have had amongst you,  
 \* for the Service of Truth. And ex-  
 pressed the great Love of God to his  
 Soul, saying, ' What can I desire  
 more, I am fully satisfied Eternal  
 Life will be my Portion, and the  
 Comfort that I feel, out-balances  
 my Pain : And so returned Praises  
 to the Lord, and was freely resigned  
 up unto his Will ; saying, ' There  
 was but two things for which he  
 could desire to live, and that was,  
 for the sake of his Family, and up-  
 on the Service of Truth. And then  
 desired his dear Wife, not to be too  
 much grieved, but to be freely re-  
 signed to the Will of God, saying,  
 ' If she had her Eye to the Lord, he  
 would bless her.

And said farther, ' The Lord that  
 hath been and is my Comfort, will  
 be thy Comfort, and that is my Con-  
 solation, and will be thy Consola-  
 tion, for thou had'st not thy Eye to  
 Beauty ; thou had'st not thy Eye to  
 Riches ; but thy Choice was for one  
 that

that feared the Lord: Therefore  
 I do believe the Lord had a Bless-  
 ing for thee. (and being concern'd  
 for his dear Wife, he added,) Seeing  
 the Lord provided a Husband for  
 thee, according to thy desire, can't  
 not thou say with Job, The Lord  
 gives, and the Lord takes away, blessed  
 be the Name of the Lord. Remember  
 what Job said to his Wife, Shall we  
 receive good at the Hand of God, and  
 shall we not receive Evil; for although  
 the Lord gave thee a Husband, ac-  
 cording to thy Desire, thou art not  
 willing to give him up into his  
 Hands; for it would be better for  
 thee, and easier for me; she answer-  
 ed, It's too hard for me to do at present,  
 but the Lord could make hard things  
 easie, if I could put my trust in him.  
 Then he said, 'Remember how it  
 was with Jephtha, who had but one  
 only Daughter, and when he had  
 made a Vow, That if the Lord would  
 give him Victory over his Enemies, who-  
 soever came first forth out of his House  
 to meet him, should surely be the Lord's.  
 and

' and the first that came was his Daughter; so he bid her remember the Nobility of the Damsel, when her Father wept to see her, & said, ' Ember, if thou hast opened thy Mouth unto the Lord, do to me according to that which proceeded out of thy Mouth.' And she gave up her self, and can't not thou give up me.

Another time, some came to see him, to whom he declared he had great satisfaction to die, saying, ' I feel the Lord to be with me, and what would the great Men of the Earth give, to feel the same Peace with God, when they come to lie upon a dying Bed. He utter'd many more sweet Exhortations to his Wife and Friends, to the tendering and affecting of the Hearts of those there present; saying, ' If I find my self weaker in Body, I should be glad to have Friends in general to come and see me, to wait upon God together.

Another time, he said, ' In all the Afflictions as ever I met with, my

' my Mind was never so stay'd as in  
 ' this, my Mind being so much out of  
 ' the Incumbring Things of this  
 ' World, that I do believe this Af-  
 ' fliction will be for my good ; with  
 much more.

Another time, he said, ' He did  
 ' not know but Death might come of  
 ' a suddain, but it would be no Sur-  
 ' prisal to him ; for I am both ready  
 ' and willing to die ; or if it should  
 ' please the Lord to restore him, he  
 ' could be willing to live, for the sake  
 ' of his Family ; or that he might be  
 ' serviceable in the Gospel, for the  
 ' Promotion of Truth ; but said, ' I  
 ' have such Satisfaction, and full Af-  
 ' surance of my Future Being, that  
 ' my Heart is often overcome with  
 ' Joy ; with much more.

At another time, he said, ' Lord  
 ' thou visited me in my Youth, when  
 ' I was but Young in Years, and I  
 ' was given up to serve thee ; as was  
 ' Stripling *David*, when he went to  
 ' Battle against the Uncircumcised  
 ' *Philistine* ; for he went in the Name  
 ' of

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of the Lord who spake concerning  
the Captivity of the Children of Israel,  
and the Return of them from Babylon.  
He said, "I will bring them back again over the  
Wall ; saying, The Archers shot at  
him, but the Bow of Faith was too  
strong for them. And he said, It  
will be well with me when I am  
gone to another World ; tho' I said  
he had not Dealt very much in  
my View, I have been as tho' I was  
at the Brink of the Grave ; but the  
Lord hath been pleased to spare me  
a little longer." — Another time, friends coming to  
see him after his meeting, one said to  
him, Thou hast had a long time of  
noys. He replied, I do not think the  
time long, by reason I have seen so  
much of the Goodness of the Lord  
unto me. And he testified, saying,  
That according to my Strength,  
great hath been my Labour, and  
Travel in Spirit, for the Prosperity  
of Zion, and the Welfare of Jerusa-  
lem; since I was exercised with af-  
fliction, and so bowed down, and went  
to Prayer. K Ans.

Another time, he said unto several Friends, 'I see the Wonders of the Lord in the Deep, and what I now enjoy of the Goodness of God, is beyond what I can Express; and the Lord hath been always with me in my Afflictions, and is still with me; with many more sweet Expressions, that are not noted.'

And one asking him at another time, how he did, he said, 'I am poorly, but I think I shall not die at present, or suddenly, but I have not my Work to do.'

At another time, about an Hour before his Departure, being restless as he lay in Bed, his Mother said, *My poor dear Child*; to which he answered, *I am Rich*; and so he departed this Life, the 29th Day of the 3d Month, 1710.

He was Buried in Friends Burying-Ground. And was accompanied thither with many Friends and others, and divers good Testimonies were then born unto the Truth.

Christopher

Christopher Richardson, late of Buxton in Yorkshire, was born at Carperby, in the same County, of honest Parents, and was Religiously Educated.

In the time of his Weakness of Body, which increased so much upon him, that his Recovery was somewhat questioned, his Wife speaking to him, asked him how it was with him; he answered, 'It was no light matter to be concerned about our Soul's Salvation; (but said,) ' I feel hopes to spring. Then taking his Wife by the Hand, he said, ' My dear thou hast been a Loving and Obedient Wife to me; I desire thee to keep in Patience, the Lord will be a Husband to thee, and he will provide for thee, he did take Care for thee before thou hadst a Husband. So he that did thus help thee through many Troubles and deep Exercises, he is the same that ever he was; he will be strength to thee in time of

\* Weakness. It was the Lord's Providence that brought us together ;  
 \* and he hath many times honoured  
 \* us with his Presence ; but whether  
 \* we be separated now or not, the  
 \* Lord's Will be done, for we have  
 \* had a comfortable time together,  
 \* and I desire we may have a comfort-  
 \* able parting, and things may be  
 \* made easie to thee.

Then he spoke to his Father, and said, ' This I have to say to thee,  
 \* Thou hast been dear and tender over  
 \* me, and much concerned about me,  
 \* and thy Care hath been to bring  
 \* me up in Truth's Way ; the Lord  
 \* will reward thee for it in another  
 \* World.

His Father reply'd, Child, and this  
 I have to say for thee, Thou hast been a  
 Dutiful Child to me. Then his Son  
 said to him again, ' Remember my  
 \* dear Love [or Duty] to my tender  
 \* Mother, and desire her to keep in  
 \* Patience. Then to his Brother John,  
 he said, ' Keep in the Fear of the  
 \* Lord, Let it be always before thee,  
 and

‘ and it will learn thee true Wisdom,  
 ‘ and love the Teachings of the Lord  
 ‘ Jesus Christ, and that which inward-  
 ‘ ly doth check and reprove for Evil.  
 ‘ hearken to that inward Voice, that  
 ‘ tells thee when thou art turning to  
 ‘ the Right Hand, or to the Left; for  
 ‘ they that disobey the Teachings of  
 ‘ it, and will have none of it’s Re-  
 ‘ proofs, a Day of Desolation will  
 ‘ overtake them, before they be a-  
 ‘ ware, and such will be Ruined for-  
 ‘ ever. Then taking a Brother of his  
 by the Hand, he said, ‘ Farewel, I do  
 ‘ wish thy Eternal Welfare, and de-  
 ‘ sire thee to be faithful to what God  
 ‘ hath made known to thee; for I  
 ‘ believe thou knowest enough, give  
 ‘ up to the Manifestation of the Spi-  
 ‘ rit of Truth, and bring thy Chil-  
 ‘ dren up in the Nurture of it. The  
 Brother answered, *We can do nothing*  
*of our selves, without God Almighty’s*  
*Assistance*; his Reply was, ‘ God hath  
 ‘ extended a Measure of his Grace un-  
 ‘ to every one to profit withal; so  
 ‘ that there will be no pleading of

Excuse: I desire thee to have a care  
 of giving way to that which will  
 draw thy Mind away from the Lord,  
 for if thou dost, thou will be undone  
 for ever, as sure as I hold thee by  
 the Hand.

He also declared, ‘ He was willing to leave the World, and all that might be enjoyed in it, if he should please the Lord to take him away at that time, that he might leave a good favour behind him; signifying the Troubles that are here, and the Peace that is with the Lord, and his Satisfaction he had in his own Particular. One that was by, laid, It’s well it’s so with thee, I am glad to hear such Expressions from thee; he then said to them about him, ‘ There are many when they are brought Low in Sickness, begins to consider how they have spent their Time, and sees their Lamps untrimm’d, and wanteth Oil, like the Foolish Virgins, that’s ready to say, Oh ! that it would please the Lord to lengthen their Days, so as to raise them up again; then they would

should be better prepared for their Final  
Change.

Then he said, ' I see a Portion in  
the Kingdom of Heaven, a Place  
among the Sanctified, is better than  
a thousand Worlds: So (said he)  
let not the things of this World  
hinder you; for the Cares of this  
Life, and cumbering Things, do but  
gender to Bondage.'

Then he said, ' My dear Love to  
all my Brothers and Sisters; I de-  
sire they may be careful to bring up  
their Children in the Nurture of  
Truth; adding, Tell my Sister Jane  
from me, that she be not unmind-  
ful of her First Love; but that she  
bow to Truth, and stand in the Do-  
minion of it, and learn Humility,  
and prize Truth above all.'

He then remembered his Love to  
some particular Friends; and added,  
' My Love is to all faithful Friends, af-  
ter which his Wife asked him how it  
was with him; he said, ' I am very easie,  
' the Lord's Will be done: Then he  
ceased to speak any more for a while,

till about three or four Hours before he departed ; and then he said ( who with a very low Voice) ~~in~~<sup>not</sup> SICK, Christ Jesus our Saviour ; these were the last Words those present could Remember. He was Patient in his Sickness, and freely resigned to the Will of the Lord, and concerned in Love to give Advice, as aforesaid, and declare his Sense and Experience of the Lord's Goodness and Salvation by him ; and no doubt is entered into that (which as he declared to his Wife in the early Part of his Sickness, is better than outward Rest) the Paradise of God, or <sup>the</sup> Holy Kingdom of Eternal Life and Glory, where his Soul will rest in Peace for ever.

He departed this Life, the 7th of the 6th Month, 1706. and was buried the 9th at ~~Barry~~<sup>WOD</sup> Barby, in Friends Burying-Ground, being accompanied thither with many Friends and Neighbours.

Elizabeth

**E**lizabeth Haydock, Daughter of Henry and Martha Haydock, was born at Warrington in Lancashire, the 17th of the 6th Month, 1685. her Father died before she was two Years Old, and she was Educated amongst the People of God called *Quakers*, by her Mother, and was Loving and Obedient to her till Death, and lived in Love and Peace with her Brother and Sister, and was very Affectionate to them, never known to jar or contend with them: She was of a kind and courteous Behaviour to all, by which she gained abundance of Love, both with Great and Small. Some time before her Death, she laboured with her Mother, for her Consent, that she might go and live with some honest Friend, to which her Mother at last complied, and she went unto her beloved Uncle Robert Haydock; but in a short time, being taken Ill, returned to her Mother, and soon after she came Home, said,

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I fully believe I must not Recover, and I am content in the Will of God. Her Sickness continuing, her Mother Brother, and Sister were anxious to know what might be had, which was propos'd to her, and she said, To make you easie, I am willing, but I believe he will do me no good, for I must not recover, I believe. Then her Mother seeing she grew very Weak, asked her, how things were with her, as to her future State in the World to come; she after some due Deliberation said, My dear Mother, I am no ways afraid to die, for things are now well, I have a very easie mind upon all accounts, and towards everybody; I find on enquiry, that my may but thee, my dear Mother, I fear it will be hard for thee, you will be soon easie, for I am well; and if I live to Old Age, I can but be well; I am given up to die, or to live, as the Lord pleaseth, since I come to thee; but before I came, I had a hard time, the Enemy would needs have persuaded me, that there was little hope for me, and that I should not find Peace, under which I wept and laboured, none knowing

When my Sorrow I was in, neither did  
 I have any comfort so any till now; But I  
 bin, & am now more than satisfied, and free  
 from all care, and believe all will be well,  
 and I shall go to Rest; for dear Mother  
 I see nothing but Trouble in the World,  
 and I do not desire to live in it; we must  
 leave it. And tho' her Weakness con-  
 tinued, and her Pain was sharp, she  
 was preserved still and quiet, and in  
 abundance of Patience, and was not  
 heard to murmur in the least; but  
 said, Lord afflict me how thou pleasest, so  
 thou wilt bin pleased to give me Pati-  
 ence, and an easie Passage last; then she  
 lay still some time, and after said unto  
 her Mother, (being then under a deep  
 travel of Spirit, because of her sore  
 Affliction.) Let me Pray to the Lord:  
 Soon after her Mother kneeled down  
 and prayed unto the Lord for her, and  
 freely resigned her up to him, that  
 his Will might be done in and with  
 her; after which she was pretty easie  
 in her self, and said, Oh! dear Mo-  
 ther, I once thought I never should have  
 come to that Experience I now have; for  
 I now

I now know a stay to my Mind, and a Solace to my own Thoughts: I am at times quit of all thoughts of the things of this World. Her Mother being weeping by her, she said, Weep not, my tender Mother, it's better for me to die, than to live; her Mother said, If it be the Will of the Lord, I desire none of mine might die of such a Lingering Distemper, as now thou art under, thy Pain is so great: She reply'd, Do not desire so, for it's sad for Tongue to be quickly snap'd away, and not have time to remember their latter End, is hath been good for me.

About two Weeks before she died, she took her Bed, for the most of which time she uttered many sweet and sensible Expressions; one time her Mother withdrew from her into another Room, yet in her hearing, and heard her say unto the Lord, All Mighty Power and Glory is with thee, and continued pouring forth her Spirit unto God, saying, Lord I am ready; Oh! carry not sweet Lord:—Oh! Deliverance, Deliverance, I cry to thee for: O! God,

Oh ! God, deliver my Soul, I feel nothing  
considerable, but, Oh ! Lord, if anything  
be in my soul, remove it, Oh ! my God.  
After said to her Mother, I fear thou  
houlds me, Oh ! do not so; neither weep  
for me, for my Tears are dried up; I  
feel no cause for any; neither mourn for  
me, for I shall go to Rest : I had rather  
be with Almighty God, than enjoy all this  
World, it's nothing to me.

At another time, when her Mo-  
ther and Relations thought her near  
going, recovering a little Strength,  
she kissed her Mother, Father, Bro-  
ther, and Sisters, and said, Lord Je-  
sus receive my Spirit :—I am ready, carry  
me, but deliver me out of my Pain; her  
Mother said, The Lord is suppos-  
ed for thee, and thy Deliverance  
draws near, I do believe, and thy  
time will not be long; my Spirit  
is earnest with thine, that he may  
ease thee; but it is the Lord, he  
must do what he pleaseth; Breath  
thou to him, my dear Child, for  
Patience. She reply'd, Poor Job  
had it, and the Lord hath given it me all  
along

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diseas, and knowe we mill givē a good talk  
there, for I deouled them all to her  
Brother, and when they were come to her  
she saw her, and callēd her  
to her, and had beene some time with her,  
she fixē her Eyes upon him st̄t̄ fast-  
ly, and said, My Pain is very great,  
Pray thou to the Lord for me; and was  
very still a while, in which time the  
Spirit of Prayer from God came up-  
on him, and he prayē both Power-  
fully, and with much Eferency of Spi-  
rit to the Almighty for her, that it  
might please him to ease her of her  
Pain: And the Lord was intreated  
for her, and in a little time her Pain  
was wholly taken away, and she said,  
I thank the Lord, I am much im-  
proved, — I b̄t̄ — I do,  
and in the Lord's time, — that  
she had so much Draft, and very  
great and exceeding Pain, now in the  
hands of her Mother, My dear  
Mother, — I say, — I say, — I say above all  
things, — and my heart to all my dear  
Relations, — I find less than no more, and  
to my dear Son in Rousick, when you are  
kind

What time? when I was there? Next  
Sunday, or the day after; Mother. Then  
comes the next dance, December 1<sup>st</sup>.  
I will be there. Four or Five days in  
Cloud, I think I shall not pass that  
be thou safe and content, or else thy time  
will be but short, there is nothing in all  
this World hath been so dear to me as  
thee; but I hope thou canst not desire my  
stay.

Her Mother asked her if she  
sensible of her Coldness; she replied,  
Yes, and of my Sweating too, and of the  
Death's Speech it's welcome to me to be  
so to thee, dear Mother; the Lord  
Jesus is my Saviour, I can assure  
Dame with these drums, it's no longer  
fear making; I have sometimes written  
thee, and from them Friends say in their  
ings, "That the Dead, tho' not  
lovely when alive, was in no  
pleasant to the Living, when  
I am poor dead, and must be  
of thy sight: The Lord be with you all  
rites, and bless you all; and go in the  
way like a Lamb innocently, the only

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of the 6th Month, 1710, and was  
Buried the 13th of the same Mo-  
ning according to her Grave which mu-  
ny Friends, and others  
aged 24 Years, wanting 8 Days.

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**J**ohn Banks, was Born in the Year,  
1637. in *Sunderland*, in the Pa-  
rish of *Izell* in the County of *Cum-  
berland*, of honest Parents, his Fa-  
ther a *Fellmonger* and *Glove-maker*.  
At 16 Years of Age, he was (by the  
great Power and pure Spirit of God,  
and Revelation thereof, in and  
through the Lord Jesus Christ) in his  
Heart brought to the Knowledge of  
God, and the Way of his blessed  
Truth, before ever he heard any one  
called *Quaker* Preach; and in him-  
self was directed to go to the Meet-  
ing of the said People, it being shewn  
him, and Signified to him they were  
the Lord's People: So he went the  
next First-Day to a Meeting of the  
afore-said People at *Pardshaw*, where  
very few Words were spoken; but a  
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Power was therin Read, which was Invaluable to his Condition, and through watching diligently in the Light of Christ : And keeping to the Precepts of God, he came to Experience the Work thereof, and Freedom from Bondage, through Faithfulness unto the Lord.

In the Year, 1663. he being Qualified by the Lord, was drawn in his Spirit to visit some Neighbouring Counties, and laboured in the Work of the Ministry.

And in the Year, 1668. he being farther grown in the Truth, was made willing to forsake all, to answer the Lord's Requirements, and he travelled into the South and West of England in the Lord's Service, and after that from Year to Year he laboured Zealously to Preach the Gospel of Peace, not only in England, but in Scotland and Ireland, he cross'd the same 12 times, and often with great Difficulty, and danger of Life by Sea, (in great Tempests and Storms) and Robbers on Land. And was made

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Instrumental to turn many others into  
zealous Labourers in the Cause of God; -  
the Religious friends, who were scattered  
over the same; and seals up his  
ministry. He had much Suffering by  
Loss of Goods, Imprisonment and  
Mischiefs therein; which he was  
enabled to go through; for the Lord  
was with him, and supported him,  
and blessed his Labours; so that many  
good Men and Women, were  
converted and confirmed in the Truth  
by him, and became faithful and able  
Ministers, and so continued until  
Death, and others yet remain.

In the Year, 1796 he Married his  
Second Wife, at Glastonbury in Somer-  
setshire, settled at ~~Mar~~, till about  
2 Years before his Death, he remo-  
ved unto ~~Mar~~, in the said County.

He likewise was concerned, in the  
Love of God, a Month or two be-  
fore his Death, notwithstanding  
his Age and Weakness, to Visit  
Friends at divers of their Meetings,  
and had comfortable Seasons with  
them, both at their Meetings of Pub-  
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late Worships, and their Monthly-Meetings, held for the Care of the Poor and Fatherless Children and Widows; for he was zealous for good Order, and Civilian Discipline in the Church, and that those things that were honest, just, pure, and of Good Report, and that had any Praise in them, should be followed. And indeed it was admirable to see that knew him, and the weak Condition he was in, how (in his last Journey at Sommerset) he was in the Meeting (which was very large) unabled to Preach near an Hour and half, and bore a sound Testimony to Truth, and against outside Shews, that wanted Substance, with much Presence of Mind, and with Good Distinction in his Doctrine, the which gave Demonstration, not only of the Strength of his Memory, quick Understanding, but sound Judgment in things Spiritual. And his Preaching was Comfortable, Refreshing, and Edifying to the Meeting; and he earnestly pressed Friends to be faith-

faithful to the little and small Appearance of Truth, encouraging such as were weak (on whom Amalek chooseth to manifest his Malice) to a holy Zeal.

But after Meeting, it was a sufficient Task for two Men to lead him to his Quarters; tho' he was very cheerful, and signified his great Satisfaction in that his Service and Travel, and next went to Friends Meeting at Puddingmore, and after to a Meeting at Teopell, where many Friends were, and in his Publick Service there, he was very lively and quick in discerning the States of several there, and after returned Home, where in the 7th Month, 1710. he was taken with great Pain in his Back; yet he often said, *Though my Pain is great, my Soul doth Magnifie the Lord for his Goodness towards me;* adding, *He hath provided a good Place for me in Heaven.*

And on the 22d of the 7th Month, 1710. several Friends being present, after some time of waiting in Silence upon the Lord, he said these Words, or no this Effect:

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Dear Friends, I Counsel you in the Love and Fear of God, to keep to your Meetings for the Worship and Service of God, both First-Days, and Week-Days, (mind that) and also Monthly and Quarterly, Meetings, which were set up by the Power of God, to keep things in good Order among'st us. Farther he said, My Love hath been so great to Friends at Glastonbury, and Street, that I have ventured my Life in Riding through deep Waters to visit them, when I have had a Concern from God upon my Mind: So that you can say, I have been a good Example to you in keeping to Meetings, as well as in other things.

Then he said, Although I am weak in Body, and do not know whether I may live much longer, or not, (yet I do not see Death at present) however I am strong in the Lord, and in the Power of his Might, and have nothing to do but radiate, for I am Rich in Faith and Good Works towards God, and my Cup is full of the Love of God; whether I live or die, it will be well with my Soul; for, blessed be

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Worshipper. And when I was 177, and  
about 180, I said, "I feel I have brought  
a Crown of Righteousness, & I have kept it up to me  
ever since. But where is laid up for me  
a Crown of Righteousness, (and did  
not Christ say for himself only? No; he  
was greater than I.) But we all them  
that love him appear.

Some Friends of Somersett taking  
Leave of him, he said to them,  
Give my dear Love to Friends at Som-  
ersetton, and tell them that my Soul is  
wholly ours God. And go a Young Man  
with them of that Place (which Con-  
vinced) dear John Bushfield, Art  
then the Young Adam that loves us Som-  
ersetton lately Convinced of the Plurifed  
Truth? He answered, Yes, The Lord  
(God & R.) be with thee, and I will give  
thee an bit Long, to gird up in Obedi-  
ence to the working of the Spirit of God  
in thy Heart, and then he will do Great  
and Glorious Things for thee, and do not  
you stumble on the Cross; for the more  
you look at it, and puts it off, the harder  
it will be for thee to take up.

To another Friend, when he took  
him

He said, "I am now come to the end of my life,  
and I have no more time to live."

He said again, "I have now well in the world,  
my Love to be dear, and all the favor  
of God; adding, Joseph is yet  
alive, though I thought him dead. This is indeed  
a comfort to me to die in peace.  
If the Spirit which is the Spirit of God  
abide in me, there is no good thing  
for me to do; and the Eternal power of  
the Great Eternal God that inhabiteth  
in me will save me from all evil; but  
but let who will do what he can, I  
have no fear of any man's judgment;  
Tears ran down from their Eyes.

On the 24th of the 7th Month, a  
Friend visiting him, asked him how  
it was with him; he answered, Very  
Sick, and full of Pain in my Feet and  
Legs, Thighs and Bowels; but the Lord  
helps me, else I should cry out aloud; Truth  
helps me, and ever hath since I believed  
in it.

And the Day he died, being the  
6th of the 8th Month, 1710. and  
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6th Day of the Month of October  
Friend, it's well with me, and I have  
nothing to do but to die, and when I  
dwell in Truth as I began. So had  
an Ease Passage hence, after all  
his Labours, Sufferings, and Travels,  
is enter'd into Rest, and there's no  
doubt of his Portion in the Everlast-  
ing Kingdom of Eternal Glory for  
Ever, to sound forth Praises and Hal-  
lalujahs unto the Lord God, and the  
Lamb that sits upon the Throne, who  
is worthy.

He was Honourably Buried in  
Friends Burying-Ground at Street in  
Somersetshire, the 12th of the 8th  
Month, 1710.

Aged 73      3 Years.  
Convinced 57      3  
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